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Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the village of Melita, Province of Manitoba, on the afternoon of Thursday, August 10th, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893, at four o'clock.

PRESENT :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley (30).....as Grand Master.
" " John Crerar (54) .....as Deputy Grand Master.
" " Alexander Craigie McKay (40) ..... as Grand Senior Warden.
" Edwin De Pencier (30).....as Grand Junior Warden.
" Arthur T. Broderick (54) .....as Grand Treasurer.
" Charles Metcalfe Caughill (54) .....as Grand Secretary.
M.·. W.·. " George F. Newcomb (4).....as Grand Chaplain.
" John Charles Ross (54) .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
" Arthur Noules Pope (54) . ..... .as Grand Junior Deacon.
" James Blair Graham (54) ....as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Octavius Pope (54) .... as Grand Steward.
" Edward Riley Redpath (54).....as Grand Pursuivant.
" William Moore (54) .... as Grand Tyler.

and brethren from Manitou Lodge No. 30; Deloraine Lodge No. 40, and Oriental Lodge No. 54.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* by R.·.W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley, Acting Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Melita Public School.

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A procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Constitution, was formed, and marched from the lodge room to the site of the new building.

The Grand Officers having taken their respective positions, the Acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing upon their labors.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll, about to be deposited in the cavity beneath the stone:

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893,

And in the 57th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency the EARL OF DERBY, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. JOHN SCHULTZ, Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

The Hon. Sir JOHN S. D. THOMPSON, K.C.M.G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. THOS GREENWAY, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

M.·. W.·. Bro. DAVID J. GOGGIN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.·. W.·. Bro. THOMAS ROBINSON, Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. THOMAS TWEED, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. CORBET LOCKE, Grand Junior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. RICHARD DENNIS FOLEY, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4.

W.·. Bro. John Crerar, W.·. M.·. Bro. Edward R. Redpath, S.W., Bro. Jas. B. Graham, J.W., of Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita, Manitoba.

Hon Thos. Greenway, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Hon. J. D. Cameron, Hon. D. H. McMillan, and Hon. Robert Watson, members of the Department of Education, Manitoba.

The Most Rev. Robert Machray, D.D., L,L.D.; the Rev. George Bryce, L.L.D.; R. R. Cochrane, B.A.; D. H. McCalman, B.A., and J. D. Hunt, B.A., members of the Advisory Board of the Department of Education, Manitoba.

Alex. Trerice, Reeve, W. F. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. Bell, R. Story, A. Lyle, John Hunter, E. W. Oberlin, and M. J. Bastard, Councillors of the Rural Municipality of Arthur ; John F. Ferguson, R. M. Graham and George L. Dodds, Trustees of Melita School District, No. 440.

John D. Shortreed, Principal, Jeannie Brown, Teacher, Melita Public School, W. H. Shillinglaw, Architect, A. E. Blakeway, Contractor.

The Corner Stone

OF THE MELITA PUBLIC SCHOOL,

Was laid by R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley on behalf of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers, the brethren of Oriental Lodge, No. 54, and other brethren, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft, which may God ever protect and prosper.

The scroll was deposited in a tin box, placed in a cavity underneath the corner stone, together with the current coins of Canada, copies of the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, a copy of the By Laws of Oriental Lodge, No. 54, A.F. and A.M., copies of the "Manitoba Free Press," "Tribune," "Montreal Herald," "Melita Enterprise," and the "Woman's Journal."

Tne Grand Master was then presented with a beautifully inscribed silver trowel, in acknowledging which he said he appreciated the gift not only as an honor to himself, but also to the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge which he represented.

The stone, having been swung into position, was lowered by three drops. The Acting Grand Officers applied the respective implements of their offices, and declared that the Craftsmen had performed their duty. The Acting Grand Master completed the work by striking the stone three times with the gavel, and declared it to be well and truly laid. The stone was then consecrated by pouring upon it corn, wine and oil, as emblems of plenty, joy and consolation.

After the ceremony speeches were made by the Acting Grand Master R.·. W.·. Bro. R. D. Foley, M.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb,

P.G.M., Mr. A. M. Campbell, M.P.P., Messrs. G. L. Dodds, R.M. Graham, A. E. Blakeway, H. Cook, Rev. J. White, Rev. J. Stewart, Rev. A. Reekie, and Rev. J. Chillcott.

The procession was then reformed and returned to the lodge room.

Grand Lodge Closed.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* at 6.45 o'clock p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Pavilion, at the Village of Banff, District of Alberta, on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 13th, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894, at three o'clock.

PRESENT.

M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	David James Goggin (10)	Grand Master.
"	"	"	William George Bell (3)	as Deputy Grand Master.
R.	"	"	Thomas Tweed (31)	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	Corbet Locke (13)	Grand Junior Warden.
V.	"	"	Byron Marcus Canniff (7)	D. D. Grand Master.
R.	"	"	Hugh Urquhart Bain (16)	D. D. Grand Master.
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)	Grand Treasurer.
"	"	"	William George Scott (1)	Grand Secretary.
	"	"	George B. Murphy (35)	as Grand Registrar.
	"	"	Rev. Alfred W. F. Cooper (28)	as Grand Chaplain.
V.	"	"	Herbert Hanks Goulter (43)	Grand Senior Deacon.
"	"	"	William Thomas Finlay (31)	Grand Junior Deacon.
	"	"	Thomas Frederick English (42)	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.	"	"	Robert Hill Myers (14)	Grand Steward.
	"	"	George McDonald Lang (1)	as Grand Steward.
V.	"	"	Arthur Walter R. Markley (3)	as Grand Steward.
	"	"	John David Higinbotham (41)	as Grand Steward.
V.	"	"	Frederick Stephen Proctor (32)	Grand Pursuivant.
	"	"	John McBride (1)	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1)	Past Grand Master.
"	"	"	William George Bell (3)	Past Grand Master.
R.	"	"	William George Scott (1)	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R·	"	"	Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)	Past Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro.	Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)	P.D.D.G.M.		
" " "	Charles Napier Bell (1)	"	"
" " "	Neville James Lindsay (28)	"	"
" " "	James Charles Stoyte (27)	"	"
" " "	Thomas Tweed (31)	"	"
" " "	Duncan John Campbell (37)	"	"
" " "	Titus Wilson Robinson (26)	"	"

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges.

Ireland	R.·. W.·. Bro.	William George Scott.
Michigan	"	"	"	John McKechnie.
Mississippi	M.	"	"	William George Bell.
New Hampshire	"	"	"	David James Goggin.
New Zealand	R.	"	"	Thomas Tweed.
North Carolina	"	"	"	Duncan John Campbell.
Nova Scotia	M.	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara.
Peru	R.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell.
Texas	"	"	"	Titus Wilson Robinson.
Victoria	"	"	"	Francis Gladstone Lewin.

And the Following Past Masters:

R.·. W.·. Bro.	William George Scott (1)
" " "	Charles Napier Bell (1)
M. " "	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1)
" "	George McDonald Lang (1)
M. " "	William George Bell (3)
V. " "	Arthur Walter Ross Markley (3)
R. " "	Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)
V. " "	Byron Marcus Canniff (7)
M. " "	David James Goggin (10)
R. " "	Corbet Locke (13)
" " "	Hugh Urquhart Bain (16)
" " "	Titus Wilson Robinson (26)
" " "	James Charles Stoyte (27)
" " "	Neville James Lindsay (28)
V. " "	George Murdoch (28)
" " "	Rev. Alfred William Francis Cooper (28)
V. " "	Eugene Nelson Brown (28)
R. " "	Thomas Tweed (31)
V. " "	William Thomas Finlay (31)
" "	Nelson Robert Wessel (31)
R. " "	Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)

W. Bro. George B. Murphy (35)
V. " " James Rae (36)
R. " " Duncan John Campbell (37)
" " John David Higginbotham (41)
V. " " Herbert Hanks Goulter (43)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by W.·. Bro. Rev. Alfred W. F. Cooper (28), Acting Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley (3), the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin (35), the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Eighteenth Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg on the 14th and 15th days of June, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893, copies of which were printed and forwarded to the subordinate lodges, and the minutes of the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at the village of Melita, Manitoba, on the 10th day of August, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893, and entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, were taken as read and each therein confirmed.

A Deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the Lodges in the North-west Territories was announced, introduced, and presented the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME,

To M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Grand Master, and the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

M.·. W.·. Sir and Brethren,

We, the members of the Lodges under your jurisdiction, located in the North-west Territories, cordially welcome you to Alberta at this your Nineteenth Annual Communication.

We fully appreciate the honor you are doing us in holding this Communication in the North-west Territories, and congratulate you on having chosen Banff as the place of meeting ; and we feel sure that the pure mountain air, and the beautiful scenery of this western land will recompense you for the great distance travelled and the time necessarily expended.

Your choice of this far-off place, at which to hold the Communication will also enable you to realize the expense and inconvenience which we Masons from the western portion of your jurisdiction have to incur when attending the Communication of Grand Lodge at Winnipeg ; and we trust when the time comes, as it must assuredly do before long, for us to form a Grand Lodge for the North-west Territories, we shall have your good will with us in our enterprise, and that you will extend to us that brotherly love which is characteristic of all true Masons.

We desire to place on record here our sense of the honor you have done us, and to express our hearty wish that you may, one and all, derive pleasure and profit from this kindly visit.

Signed on behalf of the Lodges and Brethren of the North-west Territories :

N. T. McLeod, D.D.G.M., District No 9.
N. J. Lindsay, P.D.D.G.M., District No. 9.
Duncan J. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M., District No. 9.
Thomas Tweed, P.D.D.G.M., District No. 9.
A. W. R. Markley, Proxy, Wascana Lodge, No. 23.
D. H. Purdon. W.M., Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.
Wm. Crawford, W.M., Medic ne Hat Lodge, No. 31.
F. S. Proctor, W.M., Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32.
George Campbell, W.M., Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.
E. J. Wright, W.M., Alberta Lodge, No. 37.
F. H. Mewburn, W.M., North Star Lodge, No. 41.
W. R. Lees, W.M., Spitzie Lodge, No. 45.
George B. Murphy, Proxy, Wapananung Lodge, No. 46.

RESPONSE.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master responded as follows :

Brethren :

This meeting of our Grand Lodge at Banff is due to a recognition, by the brethren in the eastern part of our Jurisdiction, of what your attendance at our

Communications in Winnipeg has involved, and to a desire on their part to show their appreciation of the unselfish spirit that has prompted you from year to year to prefer the good of the Craft to your personal convenience.

Be assured that upon the arrival of the time when the highest interests of Masonry demand the division of this very large Jurisdiction, the mother Grand Lodge will do its full duty to its Masonic offspring, and with a pardonable pride mingled with a natural regret, start its vigorous child on a prosperous career with the parental blessing.

We thank you for your hearty welcome, reciprocate your good wishes, and express the hope that this Communication may be as profitable to all as it is sure to be pleasurable to us.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bro. David James Goggin, then read his annual report as follows :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba :

With gratitude to the great Architect of the Universe for His protecting care during the past year I welcome you to the Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and pray that He may direct our deliberations and that His blessing may rest upon our acts.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

It seems fitting that, before entering upon a statement of my official acts, I should pay due tribute to the memory of our brethren who have died since our last Annual Communication. These men loved masonry, worked for it, exemplified its best fruitage in their walk and conversation, and left it nobler through their unselfish lives. While mourning their loss and commemorating their deeds let us imitate their virtues.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, died at his home in Winnipeg, on December 29th, 1893, aged 62 years.

Last year when he was presented by Grand Lodge with a token of its esteem and love for its former ruler, it was painfully evident that "the good grey head that all men knew" would not long be with us. Failing health had rendered it impossible for him to take any active part in our work, though his interest in the Craft never abated. He was a good citizen, a devoted churchman, a model husband and father, and a brother whose pure life was crystallization in act of the doctrines of Masonry.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood, Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, died at Los Angeles, California, October 17th, 1893, whither he had gone hoping to repair his shattered health. Brother Masons there did for him all that loving hands could do, and his brethren here buried him with the honors becoming his rank and station. A broad scholar, a tireless worker in our educational field, a devoted clergyman, a loving husband and father, and a zealous Mason, he has gone to his rest in the early afternoon, worn out by unceasing effort to help his fellow men to realize their responsibilities and live up to their opportunities.

Others of our brethren holding less distinguished positions have "gone home" leaving behind them records that bear testimony to the value of Masonry as an institution helping men to learn and discharge their several duties. Let us who "meet upon the level" keep their names on our roll of lamented dead, and cherish their memories.

I have been advised of the death of the following distinguished Craftsmen in sister jurisdictions :—

M.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Briggs, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, died July 29th, 1893.

M.·. W.·. Bro. John H. Hubbs, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, died May 10th, 1893.

M.·. W.·. Bro. John S. Davidson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died March, 1894.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Logan H. Roots, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died May 30th, 1893.

M.·. W.·. Bro. William Power Innis, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, died Aug. 2nd, 1893.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Zelotes H. Mason, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida,

M.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Henry Hill, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, died January 28th, 1894.

M.·. W.·. Bro. George C. Connor, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died March 9th, 1894.

R.·. W.·. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, died May, 1894.

These men were our brothers and have left us their tasks, and with these the inspiration of their example. But they have not ceased to be :

"They are not dead : they have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere."

"And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there is no dead."

I recommend that suitable memorial pages in our Proceedings be set apart for the fraternal dead.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

By my direction the Grand Secretary will report all my acts relating to the issue of dispensations, revision or approval of By-laws, appointments of Grand Representatives and calling Special Communications of Grand Lodge.

VISITS.

I have paid about the same number of visits as last year, but have endeavored to reach different centres so that I might have an opportunity to place my conceptions of Masonry before as many brethren as possible, while suggesting plans for

furthering the welfare of the Craft. I have travelled over three thousand miles visiting the Lodges at Portage la Prairie, Whitewood, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Macleod, Calgary and Banff, and have still two lectures to deliver on the Edmonton line of Railway. Owing to the great distances between Lodges it is difficult, without serious sacrifice of time, to make many official visits.

DECISIONS.

I have had a number of requests for rulings on points respecting which it seems to me the Constitution is quite clear. A reasonably careful reading of the Constitution would have rendered many of these letters unnecessary, and they added very considerably to a correspondence which has grown so large as to be a serious tax on the Grand Master's time. The Constitution (Section 47) wisely provides that "The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry but through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, or a District Deputy Grand Master." While I have gladly endeavored to answer all letters sent me, from whatever source, I deem it advisable in the interests of my successor to draw the attention of the brethren to this Section in our Constitution.

I have given but two decisions that I deem necessary to submit to Grand Lodge.

1. Mr. J. T., a member of the North-west Mounted Police, was regularly proposed, balloted for and accepted by Alberta Lodge, No. 37, at McLeod. He paid his fee but was unable to be present on the night of his acceptance. Shortly afterwards he was ordered to Regina, receiving a very brief notice. No regular meeting of Alberta Lodge had been held in the meantime, and no emergent meeting could be held between the period of his receiving notice to leave and his departure. Mr. T. could not obtain permission to return to McLeod to receive the E. A. degree, his application could not be withdrawn, and the Lodge could not return the fee. He could not apply to Wascana Lodge, Regina, without waiting at least six months and forfeiting his fee.

These circumstances were explained to me, and when Alberta Lodge requested Wascana Lodge to confer, on its behalf, the three degrees upon Mr. T. I gave the latter Lodge permission to do so.

Section 253 shows that the F.M. and M.M. degrees may be conferred at the request of another Lodge, and on its behalf. The needs of Masonry caused the adoption of this rule. The need of this person was an unusual one, and an unusual remedy had to be provided. Masonry, through Alberta Lodge, accepted him on his merits, and had also accepted his fee. Masonry owed him its degrees. Masonry, through Wascana Lodge, on behalf of Alberta Lodge, discharged the obligation. Believing that the Constitution was made for man and not man for the Constitution, and knowing that this individual through no error of his was

placed in an anomalous position, and that the good name of Masonry was being affected through a rigid adherence to a soulless literalism, I carried out the spirit of Masonry and relieved the individual without in any way prejudicially affecting the highest interests of the Craft.

Similar action was taken by the Lodge of Kilwinning, in 1677. It gave and granted power and liberty to the brethren of the Cannongate of Edinburg to *enter* receive and pass, in the name and behalf of the Lodge of Kilwinning, any qualified persons that they thought fit. In 1680 this action was renewed, and found "relevant and right among the brethren." The Lodge of Haughfoot and the Lodge Royal Arch of Maybole did the same. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has a law providing for the initiating, passing and raising of a person by proxy, (Rule II. of its Uniform Rules as to Jurisdiction over Candidates.)

2. The W.·. M.·. of Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, without giving seven days clear notice, called an emergent meeting to confer certain degrees. His action was objected to on this ground, and further, a written objection under Section 271 was presented. Notwithstanding these objections the meeting was held and the degrees conferred. A complaint signed by a number of the brethren was presented to me. I secured a written statement from both parties, visited the Lodge and found there was no dispute as to the time and the written objection. I therefore decided that the brothers upon whom the degrees were conferred were irregularly passed. I censured the W.·. M.·. for his deliberate violation of the plain provisions of the Constitution, and healed in due form one of these brethren. The others were unable to be present at that meeting, but will request to be healed at some convenient date in the near future.

MASONIC CONGRESS.

The Masonic Congress held in Chicago, in August, 1893, after mature deliberation arrived at certain conclusions on important topics, and I deem it desirable they be presented to the brethren for careful study. These conclusions will be submitted at this Communication as a part of the report of M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, our representative at the Congress.

RULE AS TO JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES.

I desire to present the following rules as to Jurisdiction over Candidates, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and sent to me with a request for some action thereon by this Grand Lodge. Rule I. is especially worthy of consideration.

JURISDICTION OVER PERSONS REJECTED FOR INITIATION.

"RULE I. Whenever any person who shall have been rejected for initiation in any Lodge, shall have removed his place of abode into the Jurisdiction of another Lodge, within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, with the intention of making it his permanent place of residence, and shall have resided there not less than one year, and shall again desire to petition for initiation, he may

present his petition to the Lodge under whose Jurisdiction he resides, or to any Lodge which has concurrent jurisdiction over that place, which shall thereupon certify the facts to the Lodge which rejected him, and if said Lodge shall not, within six months thereafter, furnish to the Lodge to which said petition is made the grounds upon which such rejection was made, it may proceed with such petition as in other cases, and that Lodge may initiate him if elected. Whenever the grounds upon which the petitioner was rejected are furnished to the Lodge to which he makes his new petition, it shall judge of the sufficiency thereof, and proceed in its discretion."

JURISDICTION OVER ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFTS PETITIONING FOR ADVANCEMENT.

"RULE II. Whenever an Entered Apprentice, or Fellow Craft, of a Lodge in this jurisdiction shall permanently change his place of abode, into the jurisdiction of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, and shall have resided there not less than one year, and shall desire to be passed, or raised, he may apply to the Lodge under whose jurisdiction he lives, or to any Lodge having concurrent jurisdiction thereover, and if it shall signify its willingness to receive him, and so certify the fact to the Lodge which initiated, or passed him, it shall thereupon strike his name from its roll of Apprentices, or Fellow Crafts, as the case may be, and all jurisdiction over him shall cease; provided, that if the Lodge to which he applies shall reject his petition for advancement, that the jurisdiction of the Lodge which initiated, or passed, him shall *ipso facto* be resumed, and his name shall again be entered upon its roll, with a note of the fact; and provided, further that nothing in this or the preceding Rule, shall prevent a Lodge from initiating, passing, or raising a person as the proxy of another Lodge; in which event the person so initiated, passed, or raised, shall become a member of the Lodge for which it acts, if that would be the effect of being raised in the Lodge for which the degree is conferred, under the laws of its Grand Lodge."

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show an increase in our membership, books carefully kept in most Lodges, finances in a fairly sound condition, but carelessness as to collection of dues and insurance of Lodge property. In ritual and ceremonial there is a proficiency that seems on the whole satisfactory. I feel under deep obligation to these brethren for their labors, yet I would that some of them had placed a wider construction on the expression "State of Masonry within his District." I have been endeavoring to ascertain what each Lodge has been doing outside of making brethren and attending to business affairs, what it has been doing for its own members and for the community in which it is placed, how it has been striving to further the mission of Masonry, but I have been unable in some instances to discover. I do not ask that anything contained in these reports should be omitted. All that is given is useful, but I feel that what I have just referred to is of too great importance to be overlooked or briefly touched upon.

Lectures on Masonic Symbolism have been delivered in several Lodges. The brethren in a majority of our Lodges have attended divine service in a body at least once during the year. M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Past Grand Master, has been, through his eloquent addresses, teaching his brethren their relation and duties to the State. Through evenings devoted to music and literature many lodges have contributed to the pleasures and culture of the community. Others have established reading and recreation rooms, where the members may study "those liberal arts and sciences which tend to polish and adorn the mind." The Past Masters' Association established in Winnipeg, for the study of Masonic questions, and the furtherance of every good cause that Masonry can aid, promises to be a most useful ally of Grand Lodge. The establishment of a Mason's Ward in the Winnipeg General Hospital, and the work done for the Children's Home, and for the Hospitals all over this vast jurisdiction, not to speak of those private charities that worthy Masons delight to perform, show that many understand and practise that "morality" which is the essence of Masonry.

Freemasonry was wholly operative: it is now purely speculative. It is a system of ethics that deals with the social, moral and intellectual progress of man. On its theoretical side it discusses man's duties to himself, his neighbor, his State and his God. On the practical side it strives to help man to convert his correct thinking into right acting. It is progressive, adapting itself to the changing conditions of modern life, and strives by manifold varying plans to accomplish its beneficent mission. If these plans were set forth in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, brethren would learn and profit by the various methods employed.

RANK OF P.D.D.G.M.

I recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the Deputy of each District, except number eight. The Deputy of this District changed his place of residence early in the year. He has sent me no report, and so far as I have been able to learn has not discharged the duties pertaining to his office.

PROSPECTS.

Next year promises to be a prosperous one in many ways. New lodges are to be instituted at Innisfail and Red Deer next week. A petition for another lodge at Calgary has been presented, and in the smaller towns zealous brethren are looking forward to the establishment of new lodges as soon as the rapidly increasing population warrants.

NON-AFFILIATES.

There are too many non-affiliated Masons in this jurisdiction. Cannot some plan be devised to induce these brethren to connect themselves with us again? With the fee for affiiliation abolished, and lodge work done along the various

lines indicated in my address of last year, it should be possible to gather these wanderers into the fold. I commend this topic for earnest consideration.

CONCLUSION.

I have to thank the Grand Secretary for the unselfish assistance given me in the discharge of my varied duties, and my brethren for their kind reception, generous hospitalities, and cordial co-operation during my occupancy of the Grand East.

D. J. GOGGIN,
Grand Master.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District Number One.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, respectfully reports as follows :

I have made one official visit to all the Lodges in the District, and two visits to several of the Winnipeg Lodges.

On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1893, assisted by a number of the brethren, I installed the Officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1,; Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3; St. John's Lodge, No. 4; Northern Light Lodge, No. 10; and Ionic Lodge, No. 25; the Past Master's degree being conferred by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Deputy Grand Master.

When making my official visits I have, as far as opportunity would permit, inspected the books and made such comments as seemed, in my judgment, in the best interests of the Lodges visited, drawing attention to any inaccuracies in the Ritual, and in the general working of the Lodge as shown by the minutes. On the whole I am pleased to state that the Ritual is adhered to with a fair amount of accuracy, although a sense of duty compelled me, in one instance at least, to point out that Sections 192 and 214 of the Constitution were not observed in regard to giving the prescribed lecture appertaining to the degree which was being conferred. I have also to call attention to a general disregard of the law (Sub-Section 10 of Section 226 of the Constitution) of sending notices of rejections of candidates for initiation and affiliation. I have also to call attention to the fact that a number of the Lodges have no insurance on their property.

The financial conditions and general standing of the Lodges are fully shown in the statistics furnished by the Secretaries and forming part of this report.

I have much pleasure in calling attention to the fact that the Lodges have not forgotten that Charity is one of the fundamental principles of the Craft. The Winnipeg Masonic Board of Relief, of which R.·. W.·. Bro, John Leslie has been Chairman for several years, has, I understand, contributed as usual to the relief of brethren in need. Owing to the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer I am unable to procure a report of these transactions for the year. A lecture was given by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, under the auspices of the

Winnipeg Lodges, in aid of the Children's Home, which realized a fair amount in aid of that institution. The Masonic bodies in Winnipeg also furnished in very handsome style a ward in the General Hospital. A number of the Lodges in this District also contributed for other charitable purposes as shown in the statistical tables to which I have referred.

Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg: This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, although not in so good a financial position as some of the other Lodges. The degrees are conferred in a creditable manner. At one of its recent meetings the Lodge was officered and the Master Mason's degree conferred by veterans of the Red River Expeditionary Force. The books are neatly and correctly kept.

Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, Selkirk: There is a slight decrease in the membership of this Lodge, but it still continues to prosper. The degrees are conferred in a highly creditable manner, and the necessary books are in a satisfactory condition.

Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, Winnipeg: Has the largest membership of any Lodge in the jurisdiction, and has had a prosperous year, judging from the number of initiations and affiliations, and it is in a good financial position. The officers are well up in their work, and the Lodge has continued the social gatherings inaugurated two or three years ago, and from which much pleasure has been derived by its members and visiting brethren. The Secretary's duties are performed accurately and well.

St. John's Lodge, No. 4, Winnipeg: There has been a small increase in the membership of this Lodge, and financially it is on a sound basis. The books are well and neatly kept.

Emerson Lodge, No. 6, Emerson: This Lodge is financially in a good position, and has a well-skilled and efficient W.·. Master, but the Attendance Register shows that frequently there are not sufficient members present to hold a meeting. This is to be regretted as more than the requisite number reside within a short distance of the Lodge room. Irregularity in holding meetings must necessarily lead to a decrease of interest. The books are in perfect order.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 8, Morris: On the occasion of my visit to this Lodge, there being no degrees to confer, the officers exemplified part of the E. A. and M. M. degrees in a fairly satisfactory manner. This Lodge owns the building in which its meetings are held. There seems to be no Black Book or Historical Register kept, and the Cash Book is not in proper form. The other books were found quite satisfactory.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, Winnipeg; This Lodge shows a slight decrease in membership, and on the occasion of my visit I found the work done with a fair degree of accuracy. It is not, however, in a good financial position, and it is not difficult to ascertain the cause; with a total membership of 67, no

less than 34 are in arrears for dues which aggregate the large amount of $466. I would suggest that a systematic effort be made to collect these dues, and failing this it becomes the duty of the W. M. to carry out the provisions of Section 170 of the Constitution. The books are neatly and correctly kept.

Stonewall Lodge, No. 12, Stonewall: During the year just closed no degrees have been conferred in this Lodge. On the occasion of my official visit I was accompanied by about twenty brethren from Winnipeg, and we were entertained in a right royal manner by the brethren of Stonewall. The books, with the exception of the Cash Book, are well kept. This Lodge owns a neat and well-furnished hall, and is in a good financial position.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Winnipeg: This Lodge still maintains its good position, although there has been a slight decrease in its membership during the past year. I found the work fairly well done. The Secretary's books are in good condition, and the Lodge is to be congratulated on its good financial position.

East Star Lodge, U. D., Gretna: Acting under authority from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master I instituted this Lodge on August 11th, 1893, on which occasion there was an attendance of about fifty brethren, many being from the neighbouring jurisdiction of North Dakota. Among those in attendance were the Grand Junior Warden, and the Grand Chaplain of our Grand Lodge. The officers named in the Dispensation are well skilled and enthusiastic brethren, and fully competent to confer the degrees. Bro. C. L. Soper, who was appointed W.·. M.·., having since removed from the District, Bro. Otto Schultz was appointed to succeed him, and is performing the duties of the office with credit to himself and to the benefit of the Lodge.

I deem it my duty to report that in December, 1893, a Past Masters' Association was organized in the City of Winnipeg, with R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott as President. The objects of the Association are to develop and improve the study of Freemasonry, and matters appertaining thereto, by means of essays prepared by its members and other brethren, discuss Masonic questions under certain necessary restrictions, and when necessary to confer the degree of Past Master upon those who are entitled thereto. At a meeting held recently the President contributed a very interesting paper on the "Early History of Freemasonry in the North-west." The present membership is 35.

In closing this report I desire to thank my brethren of the District for the fraternal courtesies extended to me at all times. My thanks are also due the brethren who accompanied me on most of my visits, and to Bro. John C. Saul, of Prince Rupert Lodge No. 1, who so efficiently performed the duties of District Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. WOODROOFE,

D. D. G. M. District Number One.

District Number Two.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2 respectfully reports as follows:

It affords me much pleasure to say that Freemasonry in this District is in a prosperous condition, and that in all the Lodges harmony and brotherly love exist.

I have visited all the Lodges in this District and find them in good financial standing, and the officers well skilled in the work.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, Portage la Prairie: I paid this Lodge an official visit at its regular meeting on March 15th, 1894. I found the officers well up in their work, and the degrees conferred in a perfect manner. This Lodge is to be congratulated upon the neat and accurate manner in which its books are kept by the efficient Secretary Bro. A. Bowman. The financial position of the Lodge is good and it has a bright future. The Lodge rooms are elegantly fitted up, and reflect great credit upon the officers and members.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, McGregor: I visited this Lodge in February last and saw the M. M. degree conferred by W.·. Bro. D. McLean in a most thorough manner. I also visited officially on April 25th, and found everything in a very satisfactory state. Although a young Lodge the officers are bright and enthusiastic, and good work is being done. The books are neatly and correctly kept by the Acting Secretary Bro. Wm. Logie, and the Lodge is in a good financial position.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, Neepawa: It was my pleasure to make this Lodge an official visit on May 1st, and I made a careful inspection of the books which I found to be well kept and in perfect order, showing great care on the part of Bro. A. Lowe, the Secretary. The brethren are enthusiastic, and good work is being done, the degrees being conferred in a thorough manner. The attendance at the meetings is good, and financially the Lodge is in an excellent position. I consider this one of the most promising Lodges in the jurisdiction, and second to none in the harmony and brotherly feeling which exist.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, Gladstone: On my return from Neepawa I paid an official visit to this old and faithful Lodge. Although the night was wet and stormy, quite a number of the old veterans in Masonry turned out and gave me a most hearty welcome. I found everything in good order. The books are neatly

and correctly kept, and the Lodge in good financial standing. I was disappointed at not meeting our old and esteemed brethren P. S. McGregor, A. S. McGregor and G. S. McGregor, who, owing to sickness and the unfavorable state of the weather, were unable to attend.

In conclusion permit me to urge upon all future D.D. Grand Masters the importance of paying more frequent visits to the various Lodges as I feel convinced that much good can be done, and the cause of Masonry thereby greatly benefitted.

Fraternally submitted,

B. M. CANNIFF,
D.D.G.M. District Number Two.

District Number Three.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3, respectfully reports as follows :

I have visited two of the three Lodges in this District, and am pleased to report favorably in each case.

Slowly but surely the cause is making progress, whilst its growth is marked by that spirit of peace and harmony which form so essential a part of our system.

Doubtless the very best rendition of our Ritual may be a legitimate subject of criticism, yet it affords me pleasure to testify to the ease and impressiveness, as well as the thoroughness, of the work done in Glenboro Lodge, No. 48, and Treherne Lodge, No. 51, showing that Masters and Wardens as well as the members have a right appreciation of its worth, and have united in making it a success.

I have no recommendations to make, but believe that it will be greatly in favor of the whole work of the Craft, both in way of uniformity of ritual as well as in close and vital connection with Grand Lodge and the general interests of each subordinate Lodge, to have the Grand Lodge appoint some competent brother to act as Grand Lecturer.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren of this District for the honor conferred in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. FRASER,
D.D.G.M. District Number Three.

District Number Four.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 4, respectfully reports as follows :

In submitting my report for the current year it affords me much pleasure to inform the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge that Masonry in this District is in a prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony prevail among the brethren of the various Lodges.

The annexed statistical table shows that the membership in all the Lodges has increased, and I am pleased to report that the brethren manifest a lively interest in the work of the Lodges. One great improvement is noticeable all along the line, and that is the Lodges require candidates for advancement to be thoroughly proficient before being advanced to a higher degree.

Acting on instructions from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, on August 10th, 1893, I laid the Corner Stone of the Melita Public School, at Melita, according to the ceremonies of the Craft. I was on this occasion presented with a very handsome silver trowel, suitably engraved. On the same date I constituted Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita, and installed its officers. On both these occasions I was ably assisted by M.·. W.·. Bro. George F. Newcomb, Past Grand Master, and other brethren from Manitou Lodge, No. 30, and Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, and I desire here to express my hearty thanks for their kindness and the assistance rendered.

On October 29th, 1893, I granted permission to Deloraine Lodge No. 40, to change its place of meeting.

Belmont Lodge No. 13, Morden : On February 23rd, 1894, I visited this Lodge officially and found the officers well skilled. W.·. Bro. Henry J. Pugh, W.·. M.·., for the first time conferred the F. C. and M. M. degrees in an admirable manner. The books are neatly and correctly kept by the efficient Secretary Bro. A. A. Hobkirk.

I also visited the Freemason's Hospital at Morden, and found the management and equipment admirable. Belmont Lodge may well feel proud of this institution, and I cordially recommend it to the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge.

Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita : I visited this Lodge officially on March 13th, 1894, and found everything in excellent condition. Under the care of W.·. Bro. John Crerar, the competent W.·. M.·. and zealous Mason, the M.·. M.·. degree was conferred in an admirable manner on the occasion of my visit. This Lodge has an excellent field for its operations, is well supplied with furniture, and has no debt. The books are neatly and correctly kept.

Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Killarney : I visited this Lodge officially on March 14th, 1894. The meetings are held regularly, but not much work being done, hence I found the subordinate officers were not as proficient as in some of the Lodges I visited. The F. C. degree was conferred by W.·. Bro. James A. McNaughton, W.·. M.·., who is thoroughly proficient in the work. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. James M. Baldwin.

Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain : I visited this Lodge officially on March 19th, 1894, and found the members comfortably located in a building owned by the Lodge, from which it derives an annual revenue of $375. The officers are well skilled, and the Lodge in a prosperous condition.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, Deloraine : On May 20th, 1894, I visited this Lodge officially, and found it in excellent condition. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton, W.·. M.·., is well up in the ritualistic work, and is an enthusiastic Mason. There being no degrees to confer on the night of my visit the W.·. M.·. read an interesting paper on Masonry, which was well received.

Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Manitou : This being the Lodge of which I am a member I am constant in my attendance at its meetings. I visited it officially on May 18th, 1894, and found the officers proficient in the ritualistic work.

I cannot close this report without tendering to R.·. W.·. Bro. James E. Maynard, who accompanied me on my official visits to all the Western Lodges, and who rendered me much valuable assistance, my most sincere thanks. I also desire to thank all the brethren of the District for the many courtesies extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

R. D. FOLEY,

D.D.G.M. District Number Four.

District Number Five.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master, for District No. 5, respectfully reports as follows :

I have much pleasure in reporting that the utmost good feeling exists among the brethren in this District. Visits between the three Lodges are frequently exchanged, and as we have a uniform ritual it is gratifying to note the steady progress being made.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

During the past year, at the request of the members of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, Minnedosa, I held Lodge of Instruction, and was ably assisted by R.·. W.·. Bros. James Leslie, Thomas A. Cuddy and John F. Boyd, also by other Past Masters of the Lodge. These were well attended, and great interest was taken in the work. I feel sure that these meetings will result in great benefit to the Craft in Minnedosa. Several brethren who were indifferent before, are, as the result of these meetings, taking an increased interest in the work of the Lodge.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, mourns the death of two of its members ; Bro. Robert Simpson, who died at Neepawa, on August 26th, 1893, and was interred at that place with Masonic ceremonies, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. M. Wellwood, who died after a long illness at Los Angeles, California, on October 17th, 1893, and was interred with the honors of Masonry at Minnedosa. Bro. Wellwood, during his last hours received every attention from R.·. W.·. Bro. J. A. Griffith, and Bro. H. V. Carter, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14. The brethren of this Lodge presented the widow of our deceased brother with an address of condolence suitably engrossed and framed.

VISITS.

Birtle Lodge, No. 39, Birtle, Man. : I visited this Lodge on February 6th, 1894, and was accompanied by seven brethren, members of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14. I installed its officers for the current year, a dispensation for this purpose having been obtained from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master. The Lodge was opened by the retiring officers and closed by their successors in a creditable manner. This Lodge now occupies a new and commodious hall suitably furnished with upholstered seats, easy chairs, handsome altar and pedestal. The floor is covered with a carpet on which are many Masonic symbols. The books are kept by W.·. Bro. John Lane, Secretary, and they appear to be in

first-class order. The W.·. M.·. Bro. J. C. Johnston, is an enthusiastic Mason, and under his guidance the Lodge is certain to succeed. On the occasion of my visit I commended the brethren for their efforts in making their hall so comfortable, and thanked them on behalf of the Grand Lodge for the kind manner in which they had received me and the brethren who accompanied me. I also gave them some necessarry instructions in the "Work."

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, Rapid City: I visited this lodge on March 2nd, 1894, and was accompanied by R.·. W.·. Bros. T. A. Cuddy, J. F. Boyd and W.·. Bro. John K. Patton, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14. The attendance was good but as there was no work I am unable to report as to proficiency of the officers. W.·. Bro. Robert Madden, the W.·. M.·., is an old Past Master, as is the Secretary, Bro. R. T. Butchart, and I am safe in stating that the affairs of this Lodge are in good hands. The books of the Lodge are neatly and correctly kept, and the Lodge room is comfortable. Owing to the fact that this Lodge has a good revenue from the building which it owns, and being in easy circumstances financially, some of the members are in arrears for dues. I strongly urged the members to be more strict in making collections in future.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14: I was present at all the meetings of this Lodge during my term of office, and I have pleasure in reporting that it is in a prosperous condition, and has an efficient staff of officers who confer the degree in a creditable manner.

In closing this report I desire to thank R.·. W.·. Bro. James Leslie, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas A. Cuddy, R.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Boyd, W.·. Bro. J. K. Patton, and others, for their kindness in accompanying me on my official visits, and for the assistance rendered me in the discharge of my official duties. I also desire to thank the Grand Lodge for the honor conferred in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, the duties of which I have discharged to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. SEWELL,

D.D.G.M. District Number Five.

District Number Six.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6 respectfully reports as follows :

Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert : I visited this Lodge officially on May 4th last, and as a member attended most of the meetings during the year.

I am glad to be able to report a marked progress during the year. At my official visit last year the unpleasant duty of reprimanding the officers was forced upon me. This year I was glad to be able to congratulate the W.·. M.·. and brethren upon the very great improvement in their working, the improved condition of the lodge room, and the better financial standing of the Lodge. W.·. Bro. Joseph M. Coombs is deserving of much credit for the masonic energy he has displayed during the year.

Several of the more skilled brethren have already delivered lectures on masonic subjects, and more lectures are promised ; altogether I consider the prospects of this Lodge most promising.

This Lodge has lost a valuable officer by the removal from the District of the Secretary, Bro. James R. Warren. An address presented to him before leaving bore testimony to the high opinion entertained for him by the brethren.

Battle Lodge, No. 38, Battleford : I found it quite impossible to visit this Lodge before the Grand Lodge meeting this year, but I forward the statistical report as received. This Lodge is at present making no progress, but the Secretary writes hopefully of the future.

Your official visit to Kinistino Lodge on the 26th September last was the first time a Grand Master had ever officially visited the District, and from the amount of good done and the enthusiasm evoked by the visit, and the address then delivered, I hope you have established a precedent that will be observed by your successors.

The holding of Grand Lodge in the Territories this year has given much satisfaction to the Masons of the District, and on some future occasion it is hoped some more central portion, such as Regina, may be selected.

In spite of the somewhat curt reception by your Committee on the State of Masonry of my suggestion last year of a re-construction of this District, I would even again venture to make it this year, and the same reasons as adduced before still apply.

This Committee, in criticizing as they did my reference to a double ritual, have displayed, in my opinion, both weakness and ignorance. The members seem to have been ignorant of the fact that the Constitution requires of the D.D.G.M. a report not only of the condition of the Lodges visited, or as put by them "a report upon the efficiency of the Lodges in the work they have adopted," but requires also a report on the State of Masonry within his District, and I would respectfully submit that it is his duty, and proper, as well as advisable, to bring to your notice anything that, in his opinion, is retarding the growth or prejudicially affecting Masonry. Preferring to take my law from the Constitution rather than from a committee possessed of such a questionable amount of knowledge, I again this year respectfully beg leave to bring to your notice that the authorized use of a double ritual is having this effect in this District, and so far as this District at least is concerned I profess to have a much more accurate knowledge than the Committee can possibly possess.

Your reference in your address to Grand Lodge last year to the fact that the D.D.G.M's. reports were getting more frank and therefore more serviceable, encourages me to hope that you would much prefer a true and full report on the State of Masonry in this District than a mere formal statement of the outward efficiency of Lodges, and as Grand Lodges, and even Committees on the State of Masonry, are not infallible, a respectful criticism of their actions is, in my opinion, neither improper, nor, at times, inadvisable.

I regret the necessity of thus bringing to your notice the untenable position taken by the members of this Committee, and hope it may have the effect of keeping them in the future within the due bounds of legitimate criticism.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH U. BAIN,
D.D.G.M. District Number Six.

District Number Seven.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master, of District No. 7, respectfully reports as follows :

In submitting my report for the year now closing I beg leave to say that I found peace and harmony, which should exist among members of the Craft, predominant in this District.

I have had the pleasure of visiting all the Lodges in this District except Carberry Lodge, No. 29, at Carberry, and I found all in a fairly prosperous condition, doing efficient work. I had arranged to visit Carberry Lodge, No. 29, at its regular meeting in May, but when the time arrived I was prevented from being present owing to sickness in my family. I requested the Secretary to forward me the statistical information required for this report, but it has not reached me.

Hartney Lodge, No. 52, Hartney: I constituted and installed the officers of this Lodge on September 8th, 1893. There was a fair attendance of members. I found the books well kept, and a lively interest taken in the work of the Lodge.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19, Brandon: I visited this Lodge on December 27th, 1893, officially, and installed its officers. The attendance was fair, and I found the books neatly kept. Notwithstanding the fact that a number of members are in arrears for dues this Lodge appears to have entered upon a new era of prosperity.

Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44, Oak Lake: On February 1st, 1894, I visited this Lodge and found it very prosperous. The books are neatly and correctly kept, and the officers efficient.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris: On April 13th, 1894, I visited this Lodge. The attendance on the occasion of my visit was fair. I found the books in first-class order, and the officers well up in their work.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden: On April 17th 1894, I visited this Lodge. The attendance of members was good. I examined the books and found them neatly and correctly kept, and the Lodge apparently in a prosperous condition.

On the occasions of my official visits I insisted on an exemplification of the work and pointed out errors when discovered, and in each case urged them to improve. I pointed out the necessity of a strict compliance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

In conclusion I desire to express to the brethren of this District my grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master. I can assure them that I have discharged the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I desire to thank M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, for his kindness in accompanying me on all my official visits. The words of advice given by him will no doubt prove a great boon to the brethren of the various Lodges in this District. My thanks are also due to the brethren for the hearty Masonic receptions accorded me on the occasions of my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL R. ENGLISH,
D.D.G.M. District Number Seven.

District Number Eight.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8, respectfully reports as follows :

That owing to my removal from Qu'Appelle in September, 1893, I have been unable to pay the Lodges in this District even the occasional fraternal visits that I had the pleasure of doing during recent years.

Circumstances over which I had absolutely no control precluded the possibility of my making an official tour of inspection, hence I am not in a position to submit such a report as the duties of my office require.

I can only report in a general way that as no complaints for adjustment have been brought to my attention during the past year, and, from my personal knowledge of the manner in which the work has hitherto been carried on in a majority of Lodges, that Masonry in this District is in a flourishing condition, and progressing as favorably as can be reasonably expected in this new country.

The visits to the Lodges made by yourself, and the instructive lectures delivered by you, have stimulated the members to more zealous work, and have given them a clearer conception of their duties and responsibilities as Masons.

I thank the brethren of this District for electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and my only regret is that I have not been able to render more service to the Lodges under my care, and in a greater degree to have promoted the welfare of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,
A. C. PATTERSON,
D.D.G.M. District Number Eight.

District Number Nine.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

I respectfully beg to report as follows concerning the state of Masonry, and the doings of the past year, in District No. 9.

I regret very much having to neglect my duty as D. D. Grand Master of visiting each Lodge in the District, but pressure of business engagements made it impossible for me to get away for any length of time.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37, Macleod : I visited this Lodge on April 28th, 1894, and found about 20 members gathered together to meet me, some of whom had come a long distance purposely for the meeting. The Lodge seems to be in a very prosperous condition. It has recently moved back to the hall it formerly occupied, and which is more comfortably furnished. The register shows an increase of four members during the past year, and there is a balance in the treasury of over three hundred dollars. On the occasion of my visit the M.·. M.·. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by W.·. Bro. Edward J. Wright, W.·. M.·.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek : I was present at a meeting of this Lodge on April 30th, 1894. The attendance was not as large as I expected, there being only seven present. The W.·. Master and Senior Warden were both absent. W.·. Bro. John Herron occupied the chair, and presided in an efficient manner. The members of this Lodge are somewhat scattered, and many at the time were engaged in seeding operations. During the past year the membership has increased from nineteen to twenty, and there is a balance of about forty dollars in the treasury. The books and accounts are in good order, and the Secretary is now engaged on the Historical Register.

North Star Lodge, No. 41, Lethbridge : I am pleased to state that this Lodge is steadily increasing its roll of members, and has also a small balance in the treasury, which is cause for congratulation, this being the first year the balance has been on the right side.

The population of Lethbridge is fluctuating, and although new members are constantly being added to the roll, there seems to be about the same number leaving. However, the interest seems to be increasing, and I feel sure the record will be better in the future.

The foregoing are all the Lodges I have visited, and the following information regarding the others has been kindly furnished by the Secretaries :

Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary : The Statistical returns of this Lodge show twelve initiations and two affiliations during the past year, bringing the total membership to 89. There is a balance of two hundred dollars in the treasury.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Banff : The returns of this Lodge show a small increase in membership, with a balance of sixty dollars in the hands of the Treasurer. About two hundred dollars has been expended for furniture during the past year.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton : This Lodge is in a prosperous condition and its membership is rapidly increasing. I have had considerable correspondence with the Secretary, who takes an active interest in his work.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, Medicine Hat: I regret that I have been unable to visit this Lodge, although living so close to Medicine Hat. I also regret that I am unable to make a report regarding its condition.

Maple Leaf Lodge, U.D., Maple Creek: This Lodge was instituted by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, on July 22nd, 1893, and has steadily increased its membership since, which now numbers eighteen. The Secretary reports that the Lodge has a comfortable hall, and a small balance in the treasury.

A petition signed by a number of brethren at Innisfail, praying for a dispensation to organize a Lodge at that place, has been forwarded to the M.·. W.·. Grand Master. Another petition from the brethren of Red Deer will be presented in a few days. This bears out the prophecies of R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed made last year regarding the increase in the Northern part of this District.

On the whole I am pleased to report that the past year shows a decided improvement in the strength of the Craft, and that in every Lodge in the District the interest is kept up.

On behalf of District No. 9 I beg to tender a hearty welcome to the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, and the officers and members of Grand Lodge, to Banff, and only regret that business engagements render it impossible for me to be absent from home at this time of year.

Fraternally submitted,

N. T. MACLEOD,
D.D.G.M. District Number Nine.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer to this date, showing;

Balance on hand January 15th, 1893	$1386 14
Received from Grand Secretary	2532 64
Interest allowed on deposits	6 65
Total	3925 43
Warrants paid, Nos. 504 to 561	2446 94
Balance on hand 31st December, 1893	1478 49
" " 1893, Benevolent Account	20 55
	$1499 04

DEBITS.

1893.			
Jan.	15.	To Balance	$1,386 14
July	8.	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	103 20
"		" " " " "	243 50
Oct.	20.	" " " " "	311 65
"		" " " " "	439 44
Dec.	30.	" " " " "	174 00
"		" " " " "	100 00
"		" " " " "	500 00
"		" " " " "	225 00
"		" " " " "	435 85
"		" Interest	6 65
			$3,925 43

CREDITS.

1893.			Warrant No.	
Mar.	23.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	504	$150 00
May	27.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	505	150 00
June	30.	R. D. Richardson	506	2 10
"		Ferguson & Co.	507	13 50
"		James E. Steen	508	42 75
"		Thomas W. Taylor	509	28 25

1893.			Warrant No.	
"		R. W. Woodroofe	510	50 00
"		Charles Doyle	511	5 00
"		John Sanderson	512	10 00
"		John McBride, Grand Tyler	513	15 00
"		Children's Home, Winnipeg	514	50 00
"		Brandon General Hospital	515	50 00
"		Medicine Hat General Hospital	516	50 00
"		Calgary General Hospital	517	50 00
"		D. J. Goggin	518	75 00
July	5.	Hodges & Co	519	1 50
"		John Patterson, Agent	520	4 50
"		Rublee, Riddell & Co	521	5 00
"		Scott & Leslie	522	7 50
"		Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	523	7 60
"		Wright & Jukes	524	7 70
"		Thos. W. Taylor	525	9 00
"		Hart & McPherson	526	9 58
"		Northern Light Lodge, No. 10	527	10 00
"		H. H. Goulter	528	10 00
"		A. G. Hample	529	25 00
"		Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	530	47 35
"		Western Canada Loan & Savings Co	531	50 00
"		Office Supply Co	532	3 35
"		The Copp, Clark Co	533	6 25
Aug.	8.	James Hooper	534	5 00
"		Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	535	26 08
"		Freemasons' Hospital, Morden	536	100 00
"		Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	537	166 66
"		McIntyre Bros.	538	315 75
Dec.	30.	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	539	175 00
"		Freemasons' Hospital, Morden	540	100 00
"		Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.	541	50 00
"		R. W. Woodroofe	542	50 00
"		Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	543	30 86
"		The Saturday Night Co.	544	25 00
"		Bell & Clark	545	19 50
"		Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	546	17 54
"		William Greig and Bro.	547	16 00
"		James E. Steen	548	15 25
"		Hart & McPherson	549	12 00
"		General Masonic Relief Association	550	10 71
"		London Guarantee & Accident Co	551	9 00
"		Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	552	9 00

1893		Warrant No.	
"	Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31	553	7 40
"	McIntyre Bros.	554	2 00
"	R. W. Woodroofe	555	2 00
"	Wm. Greig, Jun.	556	25 00
"	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	557	127 41
"	Richard Alston	558	30 00
"	Hart & McPherson	559	3 85
"	E. L. Milligan	560	50 00
"	R. W. Woodroofe	561	100 00
			$ 2446 94

BENEVOLENT FUND.

DEBIT.

1893		
Jan. 15.	To Balance	70 55

CREDIT.

June 30.	Widow of deceased brother	50 00
		$ 20 55

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. B. M. Canniff (7), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

It again becomes my duty, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, to submit a report of the transactions of my office since the date of our last Annual Communication, also a detailed financial statement for the year ending December 31st, 1893.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of our last Annual Communication were printed, as soon as possible after the close of the session, and were distributed as in previous years.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

One of the first duties after the close of our last Annual Communication was the transmission of the Charters granted to three new lodges. These lodges were constituted by brethren appointed for the purpose as follows :—

Hartney Lodge, No. 52, Hartney, Man. ; Constituted September 8th, 1893, by V.·. W.·. Bro. S. R. English, D.D.G.M.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton, Alberta ; Constituted August 4, 1893, by V.·. W.·. Bro. Chas. W. Sutter.

Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita, Man. ; Constituted August 10th, 1893, by R.·. W.·. Bro. R. D. Foley, D.D.G.M.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master dispensations for the following new lodges have been issued :

July 10th 1893, East Star Lodge, at Gretna, District Number One, 11 charter members ; Bro. Col. Levi Soper, W.·. Master ; Bro. Thomas Shannon, Senior Warden ; Bro. Robert M. Binney, Junior Warden : Instituted August 11th, 1893, by R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe, D.D.G.M.

On February 10th, 1894, Bro. Otto Schultz was appointed W.·. Master to succeed Bro. Soper, who had removed to Calgary, Alberta.

July 10th, 1893, Maple Leaf Lodge, at Maple Creek, Alberta, District Number Nine, 7 charter members ; Bro. Wm. Barnwell, W. Master ; Bro. Daniel Pollock, Senior Warden ; Bro. John Jacob Matthews, Junior Warden : Instituted July 22, 1893, by R ·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed.

October 10th, 1893, Evening Star Lodge, at Grenfell, Assiniboia, District Number Eight, 7 charter members; W.·. Bro. James A. Sutherland, W.·. Master; Bro. John McJannet, Senior Warden; Bro. Benjamin Richard Bennett, Junior Warden; Instituted October 17th, 1893, by R.·. W.·. Bro. James S. Greig.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Melita, Manitoba, on Thursday, August 10th, 1893, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Melita Public School. The ceremonies were performed by R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley, assisted by the brethren of Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita, and other brethren.

DEDICATIONS.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, the following halls have been dedicated for Craft purposes during the year:—

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, Portage la Prairie, August 17th, 1893. The ceremonies were performed by V.·. W.·. Bro. B. M. Canniff, D.D.G.M.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek, Alberta, January 27th, 1894. The ceremonies were performed by R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Near other Grand Lodges.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions have been issued from this office by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master as follows:—

October 2nd, 1893.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph Carpenter, of Gold Hill, near the Grand Lodge of Nevada, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. John H. Hubbs, deceased.

November 10th, 1893.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Ellis Robinson, of Sydney, near the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. W. H. Tulloh, deceased.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of my last report Commissions for Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:

December 15th, 1893.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, of Morden, from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. John Colwell, whose term of office had expired.

February 14th, 1894.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin, of Moosomin, from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas McPherson, who has removed from the jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The practice of overcoming Constitutional provisions by dispensation has been reduced to a minimum. The following have been issued by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master upon what seemed to be justifiable reasons:

1893	No.	Name.	For what granted.
June 21	.. 1	Prince Rupert's.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	. 6	Emerson.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	..19	Brandon.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	..23	Wascana.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	..37	Alberta.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	. 40	Deloraine.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	..10	Northern Light.....	To transact the business of the regular meeting at an emergent meeting, the Grand Lodge being in session on the night of the regular meeting.
June 23	..50	Killarney.....	To install as W.·. M.·. a brother who had not previously served as Warden of a chartered lodge.
" 24	..48	Glenboro	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	. 31	Medicine Hat	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
" 30	..47	Ashlar.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
Sept. 20	.. 8	King Solomon.. ...	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
1894.			
Jan. 5	..54	Oriental.....	To confer the degree of M. M. within the constitutional time.
" 26	..44	Oak Lake.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
"	..39	Birtle.....	To hold special installation.
"	..40	Deloraine..... ...	To confer the degree of M. M. within the constitutional time.
"	..48	Glenboro	To initiate a candidate from the jurisdiction of Oakland Lodge, No. 9.
Feb. 10	.. 9	Oakland.....	To hold special installation.
Apr. 2	.. 3	Ancient Landmark..	To wear Masonic clothing at a Musicale in the Masonic Hall.
" 20	.. 1	Prince Rupert's.....	To wear Masonic clothing at a lecture given under Masonic auspices.
" 20	..25	Ionic	To transact the business of the regular meeting at an emergent meeting.
" 25	..36	Doric.....	To hold special election.
May. 2	..27	Glenwood.....	To attend church in Masonic clothing.
" 26	..44	Oak Lake.....	To transact the business of a regular meeting, including the election of officers, at an emergent meeting.
" 26	.16	Kinistino	To confer the M. M. degree within the prescribed time, (an interval of three weeks having elapsed since F. C. degree was conferred.) The M.·. W.·. Grand Master was present and desired to see the work exemplified.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

Following established precedents the M.·. W.·. Grand Master refused to grant the following dispensations :

December 5th, 1893.—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53 ; to attend a ball in Masonic clothing.

December 5th, 1893.—Kinistino Lodge, No. 16 ; to attend a ball in Masonic clothing.

December 23rd, 1893.—Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7 ; to install as W.·. Master a brother who had not previously served as Warden of a chartered lodge. No reasons were advanced for dispensing with the requirements of the constitution in this case.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the By-laws of the folllowing Lodges :

Oct. 10th, 1893.—Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44, Oak Lake.
December 2nd, 1893.—Hartney Lodge, No. 52, Hartney.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges :

August 9th, 1893.—Carberry Lodge, No. 29, Carberry.
" " Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton.
October 10th " Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary.
Dec. 2nd " Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton.
" 28th " Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek.
January 5th, 1894.—Alberta Lodge, No. 37, Macleod.
Feb. 23rd " Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden.
" 26th " Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton.
March 13th " Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, Portage la Prairie.

LODGES INCORPORATED.

The following Lodges have been incorporated under the provisions of 47 Victoria, Cap. 61, since our last Annual Communication :

King Solomon Lodge, No. 8, Morris.
Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44, Oak Lake.

CERTIFICATES OF STANDING.

In accordance with the Provisions of the Constitution, Certificates of Standing have been issued to brethren who were members of lodges at the date of surrender and forfeiture of charters as follows :

December 2nd, 1893.—W.·. Bro. William McDonald, Pembina Lodge, No. 20.

May 1st, 1894.—Bro. Geo. A. Watson, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.

PORTRAITS OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at our last Annual Communication a portrait of late M.·. W.·. Bro. William N. Kennedy, Past Grand Master, has been obtained, and is now in the Masonic Library at Winnipeg.

I would recommend that an appropriation be made at this session to procure a portrait of the late M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark, Past Grand Master.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN THE NORTHWEST.

I regret to say that little progress has been made towards obtaining a concise history of the various lodges in this jurisdiction, only two having complied with the order of Grand Lodge in this respect, viz :

Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Banff.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden.

I have during the past year prepared a sketch of the htstory of Old Northern Light, organized at Pembina, Dakota, in 1863, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. This lodge was afterwards removed to Fort Garry, (now Winnipeg) and I hope during the next year to obtain its complete history while working in British Territory.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

The Constitution requires the Grand Secretary to report at each Annual Communication all lodges which have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of the Constitution. Our laws require that the half-yearly returns shall be forwarded to this office immediately after June 24th and December 27th in each year. I have during the past ten years been unremitting in my efforts to induce the Secretaries of lodges to comply with this important law. The committees of our Grand Lodge have seconded my efforts in this direction, but our combined efforts have not produced the desired results. In this report I will confine myself to the accompanying statement showing the date when each report was received. Notwithstanding the trouble these delays have occasioned it is gratifying for me to again report that the returns were received in time to include a synopsis of the work in this report, and that all fees and dues have been paid :

No.	Name.	June, 1893. Returns received.	December, 1893. Returns received.
1	Prince Rupert's.	July 14th, 1893	January 15th, 1894.
2	Lisgar.....	July 11th, 1893.....	February 22nd, 1894.
3	Ancient Landmark....	July 5th, 1893	January 10th, 1894.
4	St. John's	June 26th, 1893	January 2nd, 1894.
6	Emerson	July 18th, 1893.....	January 24th, 1894.
7	Assiniboine.....	June 27th, 1893.....	February 2nd, 1894.

No.	Name.	June, 1893. Returns received.	December, 1893. Returns received.
8	King Solomon	July 6th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
9	Oakland	July 19th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
10	Northern Light	July 6th, 1893	January 24th, 1894.
11	Gladstone	October 31st, 1893	January 2nd, 1894.
12	Stonewall	July 25th, 1893	March 3rd, 1894.
13	Belmont	July 19th, 1893	January 6th, 1894.
14	Prince of Wales	July 27th, 1893	January 8th, 1894.
15	Corinthian	July 25th, 1893	January 13th, 1894.
16	Kinistino	July 8th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
19	Brandon	August 15th, 1893	March 10th, 1894.
23	Wascana	July 13th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
24	Neepawa	June 28th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
25	Ionic	July 6th, 1893	December 28th, 1893.
26	Moose Jaw	July 5th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
27	Glenwood	July 11th, 1893	January 16th, 1894.
28	Bow River	July 1st, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
29	Carberry	June 28th, 1893	December 27th, 1893.
30	Manitou	July 24th, 1893	January 2nd, 1894.
31	Medicine Hat	July 18th, 1893	January 13th, 1894.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	July 7th, 1893	January 10th, 1894.
33	Indian Head	August 25th, 1893	January 13th, 1894.
34	Qu'Appelle	July 7th, 1893	February 9th, 1894.
35	Moosomin	July 7th, 1893	January 15th, 1894.
36	Doric	June 28th, 1893	January 17th, 1894.
37	Alberta	July 14th, 1893	May 2nd, 1894.
38	Battle	July 26th, 1893	January 10th, 1894.
39	Birtle	June 15th, 1893	January 10th, 1894.
40	Deloraine	July 5th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
41	North Star	July 5th, 1893	December 28th, 1893.
42	Cascade	July 4th, 1893	January 4th, 1894.
43	Lebanon	July 28th, 1893	January 19th, 1894.
44	Oak Lake	July 4th, 1893	January 19th, 1894.
45	Spitzie	June 15th, 1893	January 2nd, 1894.
46	Wapananung	July 26th, 1893	January 27th, 1894.
47	Ashlar	July 20th, 1893	February 21st, 1894.
48	Glenboro	July 14th, 1893	January 15th, 1894.
49	Temple	July 12th, 1893	January 3rd, 1894.
50	Killarney	July 14th, 1893	January 17th, 1894.
51	Treherne	November 3rd, 1893	January 10th, 1894.
52	Hartney	July 28th, 1893	January 15th, 1894.
53	Edmonton	June 15th, 1893	January 4th, 1894.
54	Oriental	July 20th, 1893	February 15th, 1894.

FINANCIAL.

The books and accounts of the Grand Lodge were closed on December 31st, 1893, on which date the amounts at the credit of the several accounts were as follows:

Special Account	$ 781 26
Benevolent Fund Account	124 45
General Account	593 33

Since the close of the fiscal year Warrants have been issued on the General Account for $581.09, leaving a balance at the credit of this account of $12.24 at the opening of Grand Lodge. The usual statement of the receipts and expenditure has been printed and distributed as in former years.

STATISTICAL.

The returns of the various lodges show a satisfactory increase during the current year. The following have been compiled from the reports received:

No. of Members December 27th, 1892		2140
Initiated	198	
Passed	186	
Raised	190	
Joined	111	
Restored	18	327
		2467
Dimitted	111	
Suspended U.M.C.	3	
Suspended N.P.D.	61	
Died	14	
Rejected	34	189
No. of Members December 27th, 1893		2278
Increase		129

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Byron M. Canniff (7), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh U. Bain (16), the Report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from January 16th, 1893, to December 31st, 1893.

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 76 50	35.	Moosomin	27 25
2.	Lisgar	59 25	36	Doric	34 25
3.	Ancient Landmark	134 00	37.	Alberta	75 25
4.	St. John's	84 65	38.	Battle	21 25
6.	Emerson	54 89	39.	Birtle	36 75
7.	Assiniboine	72 00	40.	Deloraine	54 75
8.	King Solomon	40 60	41.	North Star	57 25
9.	Oakland	29 50	42.	Cascade	38 30
10.	Northern Light	62 50	43.	Lebanon	32 50
11.	Gladstone	14 75	44.	Oak Lake	26 25
12.	Stonewall	20 00	45.	Spitzie	14 75
13.	Belmont	92 75	46.	Wa-pan-an-ung	33 70
14.	Prince of Wales	41 50	47.	Ashlar	11 50
15.	Corinthian	38 75	48.	Glenboro	55 70
16.	Kinistino	38 50	49.	Temple	31 00
19.	Brandon	68 85	50.	Killarney	27 00
23.	Wascana	74 25	51.	Treherne	14 20
24.	Neepawa	29 00	52.	Hartney	60 75
25.	Ionic	98 65	53.	Edmonton	110 70
26.	Moose Jaw	39 80	54.	Oriental	97 10
27.	Glenwood	26 25	U.D.	East Star	28 30
28.	Bow River	93 95	U.D.	Maple Leaf	31 40
29.	Carberry	59 60	U.D.	Evening Star	33 20
30.	Manitou	28 10		Extinct Lodges	35
31.	Medicine Hat	31 00		Blank Books and Forms	71 00
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	35 75			
33.	Indian Head	38 20			$2532 64
34.	Qu'Appelle	24 65			

Distribution of Receipts.

Initiations	$394 00	Dispensations	102 00
Dues	1082 00	Charters	125 00
Certificates	388 00	Library	4 10
Past Master's Certificates	32 00	Extinct Lodges	35
Life Membership Fees	35 00	Blank Books and Forms	71 00
Life Membership Certificates	5 25		$2532 64
Blank Books and Forms	231 64		
Constitutions	62 30		

Cash Statement.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer from January 16th, 1893, to December 31st, 1893.

DR.		CR.	
1893.		1893.	
Dec. 31.	To Receipts $2532 64	July 8.	By Grand Treasurer $103 20
		July 8.	" " " 243 50
		Oct. 20.	" " " 311 65
		"	" " " 439 44
		Dec. 30.	" " " 174 00
		"	" " " 100 00
		"	" " " 500 00
		"	" " " 225 00
		"	" " " 435 85
	$2532 64		$2532 64

Yearly Statement.

DECEMBER 31ST, 1893.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$ 92 00
Charters	111 50
Certificates	325 60
Dues	1082 00
Initiations	394 00
Life Membership Fees	35 00
Past Master's Certificates	23 36
Constitutions	41 66
Life Membership Certificates	3 65
Blank Books and Forms	147 94
Extinct Lodges	35
Interest	6 65

LOSSES.

Expense	$144 61	
Fixtures, (5 per cent. off)	26 50	
Printing	329 70	
Books and Stationery	71 83	
Postage	79 94	
Rent	100 00	
Telegraphing	14 80	
Salaries	634 99	
Regalia, (5 per cent. off)	7 63	
Library Fixtures, (5 per cent. off)	6 88	
Insurance	22 45	
Special Grants	730 00	
Net Gain, December 31st, 1893	94 38	
	$ 2263 71	$ 2263 71

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Librarian presents his Eighth Annual Report.

During the past year the Library has been increased as follows :

DONATIONS.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. S. F. Chadwick, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Sargeant, Toronto, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Quebec for 1893 ; also Proceedings of 1894.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. J. C. Dill, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Illinois for 1893 ; also Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois for 1893, and the proceedings of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Illinois for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, the "Masonic Code of Iowa, 1893."

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John Moore, Ottawa, Ont., Proceedings of the Supreme Council A. and A. S. R. for the Dominion of Canada for the years 1874, 1875, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1884, 1886 and 1890 ; also the

"Canadian Masonic News," April to December, 1875, and the "Freemason's Journal," January to September, 1870.

From Mr. R. H. Shanks, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba I.O.O.F. for 1894.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. W. B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. W. F. Swain, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 1893.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1893.

From W.·. Bro. Wm. Cranston, Clearwater, Man., twelve old and rare coins.

From R.·. W.·. Bro. James Melville, Edinburg, Scotland, picture of the Inauguration of Bro. Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge.

BOOKS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE.

"A Half Century of Conflict," by Francis Parkman.....	2 vols.
"The Oregon Trail," by Francis Parkman.	1 "
"Essays and Addresses," by Bernard Bosanquet.....	1 "
"England's Ideal," by Edward Carpenter	1 "
"A Sidney Side Saxon," by Rolph Boldrewood	1 "
"Nevermore" " "	1 "
"The Miners Right" " "	1 "
"The Refugees," by A. Conan Doyle.....	1 "
"Raffles Haw," " "	1 "
"A Study in Scarlet," "	1 "
"The Breakfast Table Series," by Oliver Wendell Holmes...	1 "
"The Emigrant Ship," by W. Clark Russell	1 "
"Where Three Empires Meet," by E. F. Knight.....	1 "
"The Great Lone Land," by Col. W. F. Butler.....	1 "
"The Afghan Wars," by Archibald Forbes.....	1 "
"The Indian Mutiny of 1857," by Col. G. B. Malleson	1 "
"Barracks, Bivouacks and Battles," by Archibald Forbes....	1 "
"The complete Prose Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson"	1 "

"Amiel's Journal," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward ..... 1 "
"The Prince of India," by Gen. Lew Wallace..... 2 "
"Pitt," by Lord Roseberry ..... 1 "
"Walpole," by John Morley..... 1 "
"Oliver Cromwell," by Frederic Harrison..... 1 "
"Clive," by Sir Charles Wilson ..... 1 "
"A Modern Bucaneer," by Rolph Boldrewood..... 1 "
"The Man in Black," by S. J. Weyman ..... 1 "

A number of Masonic books and works of general literature have been ordered but not yet received. The grant of $50 for binding Proceedings and periodicals has not yet been expended, but the work is in hand and will be completed during the next month. The difficulty in obtaining missing numbers to complete our files has caused the delay.

I would recommend, in view of the increased attendance and interest in the Library, that an appropriation of $100 from the funds of Grand Lodge be made for the purchase of additional books.

Reading Room.

Our thanks are again tendered to the publishers of the following papers and periodicals for supplying their respective publications free of charge to the Reading Room.

"The Manitoba Daily Free Press."
"The Winnipeg Daily Tribune."
"The Ottawa Daily Citizen."
"The Montreal Daily Herald."
"The Evening Telegram, Toronto."
"The Calgary Tribune."
"The Selkirk Herald."
"The Perth (Ontario) Courier."
"The Colonist," Winnipeg.
"The Northwest Farmer," Winnipeg.
"The Western World," Winnipeg.
"Portage la Prairie Review."
"Rat Portage Record."
"Weekly News Advertiser,"Vancouver, B. C., supplied by Bro. J. W. Prescott.
"The British Columbia Commerce and Maritime Register.

Masonic Publications.

"The Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Ill.
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
"The Canadian Craftsman," Toronto, Ont.
"The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"The Rough Ashlar," Richmond, Va.

"The Freemason's Journal," New York.
"The Masonic Token," Portland, Me.
"The South Australian Freemason."
"The Royal Craftsman," Plainfield, N. J.
"The Square and Compass," New Orleans, La.
"The Ancient Craft Mason," Cleveland, Ohio.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Rev. A. W. F. Cooper (28), the Report of the Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Grand Secretary, in the absence of the President of the Board of General Purposes, read the following Annual Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:

At a meeting held on June 15th, 1893, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson was elected president, and R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie elected Vice-President, for the ensuing Masonic year.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board held on July 3rd, 1894, the various Special committees were elected in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Your Board, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, have procured suitable testimonials for presentation to M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. James D. O'Meara and W. G. Bell. In each case a Past Grand Master's Chain Collar has been procured. Your Board would recommend that the testimonials to these worthy and deserving brethren be presented at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board would recommend that the tender of McIntyre Bros. for printing the proceedings of this Communication of Grand Lodge at $1.70 per page be accepted.

Your Board would recommend that the Grand Master be refunded the amount expended by him for travelling and other expenses in visiting the various Lodges in the jurisdiction.

During the past year Bro. George Kenning, of London, England, was requested to quote his prices for Masonic Clothing for the officers of Grand Lodge. As the question had often come up for consideration it was decided to secure as complete information as possible in order to bring the matter before Grand Lodge. Bro. Kenning, in reply, stated that he could not give an adequate idea of the class of goods he kept in stock except by submitting samples ; he had therefore assumed the responsibility of forwarding a sample suit for the Grand Secretary. The sample submitted is so suitable and of such good workmanship that your Board recommends that the same be purchased, the price quoted being $75.00. It was not the intention of your Board to incur any expense in this connection, but it is of the opinion that the time has now arrived when some action should be taken towards securing suitable clothing for the other officers. It would therefore recommend that each year clothing for one of the Grand Officers be obtained.

The Reports of the various Special Committees have been considered, and adopted by your Board.

A vacancy in the Board having occurred during the past year by the removal from the jurisdiction of V.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Hope, at a regular meeting held May 31st 1894, R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell was elected to the vacant position.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire at this session of Grand Lodge :—

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson,
" " " John W. Harris,
" " " John McKechnie,
" " " Andrew J. Belch,
" " " Wm. A. Windatt.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell,
V.·. " " James A. Carley,
" " " Herman J. Eberts.
" " John Chambers.

Your Board has held two regular and four special meetings during the past year. No business of a contentious character has been brought forward for its consideration from which the conclusion may be drawn that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Rev. Alfred W. F. Cooper (28), seconded by W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Secretary, in the absence of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, read the report of the said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had under consideration the following matter referred to it, and respectfully recommends as follows :

WM. H. SAUNDERS *vs.* OAK LAKE LODGE.

This was an appeal by Bro. Wm. H. Saunders against the refusal of Oak Lake Lodge to entertain counter charges preferred by the said Bro. Wm. H. Saunders, against Bro. E. Elwood A. Piper, also a member of said Lodge. The papers in this case have been carefelly examined by your Committee, and it would recommend that the action of the Lodge be affirmed and the appeal dismissed.

STANDARD BY-LAWS.

The Standard By-Laws have been carefully revised by your Committee to conform to recent changes in the Constitution, and would recommend that the same be adopted by Grand Lodge for the government of Lodges under dispensation, and of Lodges that have not adopted special By-Laws.

Your Committee has considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution and finds nothing therein at variance with Masonic Law or usage.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,

Chairman.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by W.·. Bro. Nelson R. Wessel (31), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

The Grand Secretary,in the absence of W.·.Bro. John Chambers, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry, read the report of said committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry, in submttting its Annual Report, notes, after careful perusal of the various Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, that Masonry is making satisfactory progress throughout the jurisdiction, especially in the Western portion. This gratifying growth is largely the result of the painstaking manner in which the District Deputy Grand Masters generally have performed their several duties, often at much sacrifice of time, means and personal comfort.

In considering the report of the District Deputy Grand Master of District Number One, your Committee gives it in the strongest terms of recommendation that sections 192 and 214 be adhered to as strictly as possible in the matter of conferring degrees. Sub-section 2 of Section 214 requires the W.·. Master "to confer all degrees in strict accordance with the ritual which has been, or may hereafter be, ordained by the Grand Lodge," and Sub-section 3 of said section No. 24 requires the W.·. M.·. "to give the lecture appertaining to each degree at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such ritual."

Your Committee notes the fact that the Secretaries of Lodges often omit to notify all sister Lodges in the District of the rejection of candidates for initiation and affiliation in accordance with Sections 249 and 259 of the Constitution. It is much to be desired that in future District Deputy Grand Masters may have no occasion to report omission of duty in this respect.

Your Committee regrets to observe that the frequent admonitions of Grand Lodge to W.·. Masters of subordidate lodges to cause the property of their several lodges to be properly insured are still unheeded in many cases. The statistical tables accompanying the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of your Districts indicates that fourteen lodges are still without insurance.

Your Committee observes that the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6, repeats his suggestion of last year that the District over which he presides be re-constructed. He also repeats his objections of last year to the double ritual, and animadverts severely upon the late Committee on the State of Masonry

which disposed of both matters last year to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge. He is of the opinion that the Committee "displayed weakness and ignorance." At the risk of a similar estimate being formed of it by him, your Committee cordially endorses the finding of its predecessor.

Your Committee desires to express satisfaction with the manifest care taken in transmitting statistical information. Of the reports under consideration two only lack statistical figures, the omission being doubtless caused by the writers not having the usual blank forms at hand.

Your Committee desires to call special attention to a recent Masonic organization destined, it believes, to extend rapidly throughout the jurisdiction. It refers to the Past Masters Association of the City of Winnipeg, organized in December, 1893. The object of the Association is "to develop and improve the study of Freemasonry, and all matters pertaining thereto, by means of essays or papers prepared by members of the Associations, or by brethren not members but who have been appointed by the Association for that purpose, and by discussions and debates on all Masonic questions, except matters relating to the election of officers in the Grand Lodge or its subordinate lodges. Also to assemble at such periods from time to time, to be by the Association prescribed, for the purpose of conferring the degree of Past Master upon those who have been elected to the office of W.·. Master.

That the Past Masters of Winnipeg are to be highly commended for this step in the interests of Masonry is the opinion of your Committee, and it expresses the hope that the organization will spread throughout the jurisdiction.

Your Committee desires to express its admiration at the liberal manner the various lodges came to the relief of distressed brethren and worthy charitable institutions throughout the jurisdiction. It is most gratifying to record the efforts of the Craft to uphold one of its important fundamental principles.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis G. Lewin, (35) seconded by W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, (35) the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Grand Secretary, in the absence of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. A. Windatt, Chairman, read the Report of the Committee on Finance as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Finance begs to report that the receipts for the year ending December 31st, 1893, were $2,532.64, and that this amount, together with the balance, $1,386.14, in the hands of the Treasurer from last year and interest on deposits makes a total of $3,925.43. After deducting the expenditure amounting to $2,446.94, the balance on hand at the close of the year was $1,499.04.

In compliance with the following recommendation of the Board of General Purposes "That after the books are closed for each year, that all funds in excess of $500.00 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be invested in approved debentures or other convertible securities under the direction of the Board of General Purposes, for the carrying on of works consistent with the objects of Masonry," adopted at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1892, your Committee, after deducting $146.53 for liabilities, has placed the sum of $93.64 to the special account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Your Committee beg to further report that of the balance ($1,499.04) on hand on December 31st, 1893, the sum of $1,311.64 is deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and $187.40 in the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, which latter sum is not immediately available.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. WINDATT,
Chairman.

On motion of Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh U. Bain (16), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The Grand Secretary read the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, to which was referred the minute and other books of Lodges U.D., begs to report as follows:

EAST STAR LODGE, GRETNA, MAN.

Dispensation issued July 10th, 1893. Instituted August 11th, 1893. Has held ten regular meetings and three emergent meetings. Initiated 5, Passed 4, Raised 4, Affiliated 1. Present membership 17. Balance in Treasurer's hands $56.81. Has no debt.

The minutes have been correctly kept, and show that the W.·. Master and officers take an earnest and intelligent interest in the work of the Lodge.

MAPLE LEAF LODGE, MAPLE CREEK, ASSINIBOIA.

Dispensation issued July 10th, 1893. Instituted July 22nd, 1863. Has held eleven regular meetings and two emergent meetings. Initiated 10, Passed 9, Raised 8. Present membership 18. Returns correct. Has no debt; balance in hands of Treasurer, $35.52.

The minute book of this Lodge has been fairly kept, but the names of the officers are not always written in full, which in all cases should be done.

At a meeting held April 18th, 1894, the Lodge was opened in the E. A. degree, and the W.·. M.·. proceeded to confer the F. C. degree before closing. The Lodge should have been opened in the three degrees, labor suspended in the M.·. M.·. degree, and a Lodge of E. A's. opened in short form; the candidate should then have been required to pass the necessary examination, after which the Lodge should have been opened in the F. C. degree and the candidate passed thereto. After the ceremony of conferring the degree had been concluded labor should have been resumed in the M. M. degree, and the Lodge regularly closed in the M. M., F. C. and E. A. degrees.

EVENING STAR LODGE, GRENFELL, ASSINIBOIA.

Dispensation issued October 10th, 1893. Instituted October 31st, 1893. Has held nine regular meetings. Initiated 9, Passed 5, Raised 5. Present membership 20. Has a balance of $205.41 in the Treasury, and no debt.

At a meeting held October 31st, 1893, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The pages of the book presumably referring to such meeting have been torn out. This is a gross irregularity.

The minutes of the first three meetings do not show which officers were in attendance, nor that the meetings were regularly opened and closed, or that the rough minutes were read.

The minutes of subsequent meetings show a marked improvement in the working of the Lodge, and were it not for this evidence of a more intelligent attention to the proper conduct of the affairs of the Lodge, your Committee would have deemed it necessary to recommend that a charter be not granted.

The attention of the Secretaries of Lodges is again particularly directed to page 129 of the Constitution, containing instructions for Lodges Under Dispensation.

Your Committee recommends that charters be granted to the following Lodges, viz. :—

East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna, Manitoba..... ..District No. 1
Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, Maple Creek, Assiniboia.... " " 9
Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, Grenfell, Assiniboia ..... " " 8

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

The Grand Secretary, in the absence of W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, read the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity herewith submits its Annual Report as follows:

No applications for relief have been before your Committee during the past year.

The amount standing at the credit of the Benevolent Fund in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounts to $124.45.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS W. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the Report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the Address of the Grand Master desires to congratulate the Most Worshipful the Grand Master upon the satisfactory progress of the Craft during the year, and are specially glad to receive this evidence from one who has had the opportunity of bringing himself in close association and communication with the brethren of the jurisdiction.

Your Committee desires to assure the Grand Master that the members of the Craft in this jurisdiction appreciate the devotion he has shown to the interests of Masonry in the many visits made by him to the subordinate Lodges, and the addresses delivered on the occasions of these visits.

In regard to the ruling made by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master embraced in Decision Number One, set out at length by him in his address, your Committee recommends that the same be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report upon fully at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee approves of the Grand Master's action in not reporting the ordinary rulings on questions of practice, and they wish to emphasize his remarks in regard to any unnecessary questions being pressed upon the attention of a Grand Master when the same can be settled by careful and intelligent consider-

ation of the Constitution. It is not right that the time of the Grand Master should be taken up by replying to such enquiries. The time taken up for correspondence on such questions naturally tends to deter men of busy pursuits from assuming the position of a Grand Master.

Your Committee regrets that the Grand Master was unable to attend the Masonic Congress at Chicago, but is pleased to learn that this jurisdiction was represented by Past Grand Master M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell.

Your Committee notes with extreme satisfaction the evidence afforded by the Grand Master's Address that the Craft in this jurisdiction is taking greater interest in the support of charitable institutions, and promoting social and intellectual intercourse between its members.

Your Committee feels that, with the present unsettled state of feeling and unrest in the industrial world, Masonry cannot exercise its beneficent influence in a better manner than in constantly endeavoring to promote social and intellectual intercourse between members of the fraternity. It would help to impress upon members the high truths and ideals of Masonic life, and the happy combination of democratic methods of dealing with one another, with the absolute necessity of a strict respect for rules and regulations designed for the best government of society, thus teaching that changes should only be brought about after careful and mature deliberation, not simply considering the effect which such changes may have upon any individual or individual lodge, but upon the whole Craft in general. Masonry teaches us a great lesson that man is but the unit in society, and that whatever affects his welfare or his detriment has a corresponding effect upon society at large.

Your Committee strongly endorses the remarks made by the Grand Master in regard to steps being taken to get unaffiliated Masons throughout the jurisdiction to join some lodge, and hope that the efforts made in this direction during the cnrrent year will bear good fruit.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA,
W. G. BELL,
THOS. ROBINSON,
} *Committee*

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library begs to report:

That it is a source of gratification that an increased interest is being taken in the Library, and would express the hope that the interest therein may continue to increase.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the books purchased by the Librarian are such as will tend to make the Library popular, and trust the brethren residing without the City of Winnipeg will avail themselves of its privileges.

Your Committee would recommend that $100.00 be placed at the disposal of the Librarian for the purchase of additional books for the Library.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the Reading Room in connection with the Library is supplied with the best current literature.

Your Committe recommeds that the thanks of Grand Lodge be conveyed to the brethren who have donated books, coins, etc. to the Library; also to the publishers who have supplied papers and periodicals free of charge to the Reading Room.

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. COPELAND,
J. D. O'MEARA,
W. A. WINDATT,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Herbert H. Goulter (43), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the Report of the Special Committee on Audit, as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Auditors beg leave to report that they have audited the books of Grand Lodge kept by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find the same carefully and correctly kept, and we have certified to the same.

We compared the returns of the various Lodges with the Cash Book, and this latter with the receipts; verified the payments with the proper vouchers, and also with the cheques and bank book, and we found all in order.

No chartered lodge in this jurisdiction is in arrears.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
A. A. AIRD, } *Committee.*

On motion of Bro. George A. Allen (28), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick S. Proctor (32), the Report of the Special Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary read the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee of the Board of General Purposes appointed to report on the Grand Secretary's Annual Report has carefully considered same, and desires to express its satisfaction that Masonry in this jurisdiction has made such satisfactory progress during the past year.

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge three new Lodges have been instituted, three constituted, and two have been incorporated. Two new halls have been dedicated to Craft purposes. The statistical tables show an increase of 138, bringing the total membership to 2278.

The Grand Secretary again finds it necessary to call attention to the neglect of several Lodges in making half-yearly returns to his office at the proper time.

Your Committee would again point out that it is the duty of the W.·. M's,·. to see that these returns are forwarded as required by the Constitution- It is, however, gratifying to find that all fees and dues have been paid.

Your Committee endorses the recommendation of the Grand Secretary that an appropriation be made from the funds of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of procuring a portrait of late M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark.

It is to be regretted that during the past year none of the Lodges have complied with the request of Grand Lodge in compiling a concise history of each, from date of organization to the present time. Only two lodges promptly complied with this request, namely Cascade Lodge, No. 42, and Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, the history of these having been forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office two years ago.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that the Grand Secretary has prepared a sketch of old Northern Light Lodge, instituted at Pembina, Dakota, in 1864. When this history is complete your Committee would recommend that it be printed at the expense of Grand Lodge. While it is a history of this pioneer lodge it is also the history of the inception of Freemasonry in the Canadian Northwest.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. WOODROOFE,
THOMAS W. TAYLOR, } *Committee.*

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Herbert H. Goulter (43), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. James Rae (36), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

MASONIC CONGRESS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, Past Grand Master, presented his Report as a delegate from this Grand Lodge to the Masonic Congress, held in Chicago in 1893. Bro. Bell also made some very interesting remarks as the results of his observations while in attendance at the Congress. The report is as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned who had the honor to represent our Grand Lodge at the Masonic Congress held in the City of Chicago, on August 14th to 17th, 1893, respectfully submits the following report:

I attended all the Sessions of the Congress, and as your representative was honored by being elected as one of the Vice-Presidents of that body. The pro-

ceedings were full of interest and instruction. A large number of the Grand Jurisdictions of America were represented, and a number of Masons from all parts of the world were present. I herewith attach the entire proceedings of the Congress, which, by the generosity of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, have been printed in book form and distributed to the different representatives. This will be a most interesting book to be on file in the Grand Lodge Library, but as it would not be within the reach of every Mason in the Jurisdiction, I give you with this report a list of the conclusions adopted by the Congress, and would respectfully suggest that they be printed with our proceedings.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONGRESS.

1. GRAND LODGE SOVEREIGNTY—The conclusion of the Congress is, that a Grand Lodge duly organized in a State or other autonomous territory is rightfully possessed of absolute Masonic sovereignty therein.

2. A PLEA FOR IMPROVED PROCEEDINGS—The Conclusion of the Congress is, that the formation of Masonic libraries should be encouraged and fostered; and inasmuch as the published proceedings of our Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies do and ever will constitute the larger part of such libraries, greater care and more pains should be bestowed upon the preparation and publication of such proceedings, to the end that they may have greater value in every Masonic collection, and that there should be a freer and more generous distribution of proceedings among the brethren, to the end that Masonic light may be more generally diffused.

3. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—It is the conclusion of the Congress that under the changed condition of selecting Grand Representatives, too little time has elapsed to give opportunity for definite judgment as to the usefulness of the system, and it should therefore be continued.

4. THE PREROGATIVES OF GRAND MASTER—It is the conclusion of the Congress that the dispensing power recognized by the Old Regulations as residing in the person and office of the Grand Master, has been so generally exercised by that officer, from the organization of Masonry on the Grand Lodge system down to the present time, that its existence cannot be successfully denied, but that there are no dispensing powers so residing that may not be limited or wholly denied by the Grand Lodge, save such as inhere in that office under the sanction of the Ancient Landmarks.

5. THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS—The conclusion of the Congress is, that the Ancient Landmarks are those fundamental principles which characterize Masonry as defined by the charges of a Freemason, and without which the institution cannot be identified as Masonry, combined with the essentials of the unwritten language by which brethren distinguish each other as Masons.

6. THE CREED OF A MASON—An unequivocal belief and trust in God is the fundamental principle upon which the institution of Freemasonry was founded and must forever rest.

7. APPEALS FOR AID—The conclusion of the Congress is, that worthy Masons are entitled to relief from brethren and lodges wheresoever they may be found in need of relief, and that the brethren of lodges granting such aid are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the lodges in which they hold their membership, but that when a member of one lodge is relieved by another, and the financial condition of his lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demands that it should reimburse a poorer lodge relieving its members. Written or printed appeals for aid, which do not secure the endorsement of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction from which they emanate, should be discountenanced.

8. NON-AFFILIATES —The conclusion of the Congress is, that every Mason ought to be a member of some regular Lodge, attend its meetings and share its burdens.

9. PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION—It is the conclusion of the Congress, that absolute competency to conform literally to all the requirements of the ceremonies of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry fulfils the requirements of physical perfection in a candidate for the privileges of Freemasonry as set forth in the Ancient Charges.

10. INSPECTION OF LODGE CHARTERS—It is the conclusion of the Congress that a visitor to a lodge has no right to demand an inspection of the lodge charter.

I would suggest that an acknowledgment be made by Grand Lodge to the M.·. W.·. The Grand Lodge of Illinois for the courtesies extended to your representative, and its generosity in having printed and distributed the proceedings of the Congress.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. BELL, P.G.M.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. John G. Higinbotham (41), seconded by Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), the Report of M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, delegate from this Grand Lodge to the Masonic Congress at Chicago, was received and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

GRAND LODGE OF VERMONT.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), seconded by W.·. Bro. Nelson R. Wessel (31),the Grand Secretary was instructed to convey the congratulations of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Vermont on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary then being celebrated.

The following telegram was sent:

BANFF, ALBERTA,
June 13th, 1894.

WARREN G. REYNOLDS,
Grand Secretary,
Burlington, Vermont.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Annual Session sends fraternal greeting and congratulations on the important event you celebrate. May the future of Freemasonry in Vermont be as prosperous and honorable as its past and present.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

It was moved by M.·.W.·.Bro. Rev. J. D.O'Meara (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Rev. A.W.F. Cooper (28), and Resolved; That this Grand Lodge has learned with deep sorrow of the death of R.·. W.·. Bro. Rt. Rev. A. W. Sillitoe, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and tenders to Mrs. Sillitoe its deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock p. m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock p.m., until 8.30 o'clock p.m.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Resumed Labor.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 13th, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894, at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

Present.

M.·. W.·. Bro. David James Goggin, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), the Rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was conferred on R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert White Woodroofe, V.·. W.·. Bro. Byron Marcus Canniff, V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Hugh William Fraser, R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley, V.·. W.·. Bro. Albert Caldwell Sewell, R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain, V.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel R. English and V.·.W.·. Bro. Norman Thorquil Macleod, in accordance with the recommendation of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J.D.O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), and

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members, and the ladies accompanying them, and it desires to place on record its grateful appreciation of the many courtesies and acts of kindness extended to all by Mr. Robert Kerr, General Passenger Agent, and the members of his staff,

It was moved by Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by W.·. Bro. John K. Patton (14), and

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Co. for courtesies extended in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates in attendance at this Annual Communication.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, (1), and

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Masons of the Northwest Territories for the admirable arrangements made for this Annual Communication, and for their generous hospitality in entertaining its members.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. John D. Higinbotham (41), seconded by W.·. Bro. Rev. A. W. F. Cooper (28) and

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Cascade Lodge, No. 42, for the use of its hall for holding this Annual Communication,

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), and

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the proprietors of the various hotels at Banff who have furnished accommodation at reduced rates to brethren in attendance at this Annual Communication.

MONEY GRANTS.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Herbert H. Goulter (43), the following appropriations were made and their payment authorized:

Committee on Foreign Correspondence to print Report (1895)	$ 50 00
Services of Grand Tyler	25 00
Portrait of late M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark	50 00
Grant to Library	100 00

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following resolutions to amend the Constitution were presented and disposed of as follows:

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis G. Lewin (35), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick S. Proctor (32),

Section 8 was amended by inserting after the word "Province" in the second line the following: "and the Districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan," and the following inserted after the word "regulations" in the last line of said Section (No, 8), "but whenever a separate Grand Lodge shall be organized for any such District, the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba over such District shall thereupon cease."

Section 14 was amended by substituting the word "jurisdiction" for that of "Province" in the first line.

Section 330 was amended by inserting after the word "Province" in the third line the words "and the Districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan," and the word "jurisdiction" was substituted for that of "Province" in the fourth line of the said Section (No. 330).

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. John D. Higinbotham (41), seconded by W.·. Bro. William A. Lang (19),

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

In amendment it was moved by Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley (3),

That the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick S. Proctor (32), seconded by W.·. Bro. George L. Fraser (28),

That the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Regina.

The amendment to the amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

The amendment was then put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 10.40 o'clock p.m., until Thursday at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 14th, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members end Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the Grand Master:

R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, from the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin, from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

TELEGRAMS.

The following telegram from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was read :

BURLINGTON, VERMONT,
June 14th, 1894.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary,
BANFF, ALBERTA,

The Grand Lodge of Vermont, in Annual Communication, gladly accepts the greetings of her sister of Manitoba, and cordially reciprocates her good wishes for a future brightened and strengthened by history made and now making.

W. G. REYNOLDS,
Grand Secretary.

The following telegram from V.·. W.·. Bro. R. G. Brett, Grand Organist, was also read :

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN,
June 14th, 1894.

D. J. Goggin,
Grand Master,
BANFF, ALBERTA.

Regret exceedingly not being with you. Best wishes for pleasant and successful meeting.

R. G. BRETT.

VISIT TO LOUISIANA.

M.·.W.·.Bro. Wm. G. Bell, P.G.M., gave an interesting account of his visit to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana at its Annual Communication in February last. Bro. Bell referred, in complimentary terms, to the unbounded hospitality of the Masons of Louisiana, by whom he was received with distinguished courtesies.

INVITATION.

A letter was received from Bro. H. H. C. Meyer, on behalf of the Masons of Alberta, inviting the officers and members of Grand Lodge to an impromptu concert and dance, on Thursday evening, at the Banff Springs Hotel.

The invitation was accepted with thanks.

PRESENTATION TO PAST GRAND MASTERS.

In accordance with resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.·. W.·. Bros. J. D. O'Meara and W. G. Bell, Past Grand Masters, with handsome chain collars. In presenting these testimonials the Grand Master's remarks were in his usual happy vein, and the distinguished brethren responded in terms both eloquent and impressive.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, Chairman of Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 48 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; 11 Lodges are represented by duly qualified officers; 23 Lodges are represented by proxy and 14 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 26 duly qualified Past Masters, and with Representatives a total vote of 128. Your Committee finds the Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented as follows:

No.	1. Prince Rupert's	W.·.	Bro. John Obed Smith,	W. Master.
			Bro. John Horn Mitchell,	S. Warden.
"	2. Lisgar,	W.·.	Bro. John Obed Smith,	Proxy.
"	3. Ancient Landmark,	W.·.	Bro. Thomas Howard Billman,	W. Master.
"	4. St. John's R.·.	W.·.	Bro. John McKechnie,	Proxy.
"	7. Assiniboine, R.·.	W.·.	Bro. Byron Marcus Canniff,	Proxy.
"	10. Northern Light, M.·.	W.·.	Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara,	Proxy.
"	12. Stonewall, R,·.	W.·.	Bro. Albert Harrison Van Etten,	Proxy.
"	13. Belmont,	W.·.	Bro. Henry James Pugh,	W. Master.
"	14. Prince of Wales,	W.·.	Bro. John Killips Patton,	W. Master.
			Bro. Robert Hill Myers,	S. Warden.
"	15. Corinthian,	W.·.	Bro. John Killips Patton,	Proxy.
"	16. Kinistino, R.·.	W.·.	Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain,	Proxy.
"	19. Brandon,	W.·.	Bro. William Arthur Lang,	W. Master.
			Bro. Edward Stark Phillips,	J. Warden.
"	23. Wascana, V.·.	W.·.	Bro. Arthur W. R. Markley,	Proxy.
"	24. Neepawa,	W.·.	Bro. George McDonald Lang,	Proxy.
"	25. Ionic,	W.·.	Bro. Thomas Howard Billman,	Proxy.
"	26, Moose Jaw, R,·.	W.·.	Bro. Titus William Robinson,	Proxy.
"	27. Glenwood,	W.·.	Bro. William Allan Forster,	W. Master.
"	28. Bow River,	W.·.	Bro. George Lyons Fraser,	W. Master.
			Bro. George Albert Allen,	J. Warden.
"	31. Medicine Hat,	W.·.	Bro. William Crawford,	W. Master.
			Bro. Andrew Roger Dickson,	J. Warden.
"	32. Qu'Appelle Valley, V.·.	W.·.	Bro. Frederick S. Proctor,	Proxy.
"	35. Moosomin, R.·.	W.·.	Bro. Francis G. Lewin,	Proxy.
"	36. Doric, V.·.	W.·.	Bro. James Rae,	Proxy

"	37. Alberta,	W.·. Bro. Edward James Wright,	W. Master.
		Bro. Robert Gordon Matthews,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Charles E. D. Wood,	J. Warden.
"	38. Battle,	M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell,	Proxy.
"	41. North Star,	W.·. Bro. John D. Higinbotham.	Proxy.
"	42. Cascade,	W.·. Bro. Thomas Frederick English,	W. Master.
		Bro. George Mitchell Fear,	S. Warden.
"	44. Oak Lake,	Bro. William Chambers,	S. Warden.
"	45. Spitzie,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell,	Proxy.
"	46. Wapananung,	W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy,	Proxy.
"	48. Glenboro,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell,	Proxy.
"	50. Killarney,	W.·. Bro. James McNaughton,	W.·. Master.
"	51. Treherne,	R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
"	52. Hartney,	V.·. W.·. Bro. Herbert H. Goulter,	Proxy.
"	53. Edmonton,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed,	Proxy.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES N. BELL,

Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Herbert H. Goulter (43), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers: M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), and R.·. W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell (37), when the election proceeded with the following result:

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), Medicine Hat, Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1), Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), Morden, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain (16), Prince Albert, Grand Junior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

W.·. Bro. Rev. Alfred William Francis Cooper (28), Calgary, Grand Registrar.

Bro. Rev. Charles Bruce Pitblado (4), Winnipeg, Grand Chaplain.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge Bro. John McBride (1), Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master.

W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black (4), of Winnipeg, District No. 1.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Andrew Davidson (24), of Neepawa, District No. 2.
W.·. Bro. William Noble (48), of Glenboro, District No. 3.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Duncan Baine (36), of Boissevain, District No. 4.
W.·. Bro. Robert Thompson Butchart (15), of Rapid City, District No. 5.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Frederick Young (16), of Prince Albert, District No. 6.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Peter Anderson (29), of Carberry, District No. 7.
W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), of Moosomin, District No. 8.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Montague Henry White-Fraser (45), of Maple Creek, District No. 9.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing term :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), of Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert Harrison Van Etten (3), of Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts (10), of Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley (25), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), of Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Nelson Robert Wessel (31), of Medicine Hat.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments :

V.·. W.·. Bro. William Thomas Finlay (31), of Medicine Hat, Grand Senior Deacon.

W.·. Bro. Thomas Howard Billman (3), of Winnipeg, Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. George Murdoch (28), of Calgary, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W.·. Bro. Geo. McDonald Lang (1), of Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
W.·. Bro. John David Higinbotham (41), of Lethbridge, Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Rae (36), of Boissevain, Grand Steward,
W.·. Bro. John Byron Mercer (38), of Battleford, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Black (37), of Macleod, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Killips Patton (14), of Minnedosa, Grand Pursuivant.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.·. W.·. BRO. DAVID J. GOGGIN.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James D. O'Meara (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Herbert H. Goulter (43), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, Past Grand Master.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), the Grand Master was requested to appoint a Committee to prepare suitable resolutions of condolence to the widows and families of late M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark and R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James M. Wellwood.

The following Committee was subsequently appointed: M.·. W.·. Bros. Rev. James D. O'Meara, Wm. G. Bell, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bros. David G. Goggin and Wm. G. Bell.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Nineteenth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 6.30 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Acting Grand Chaplain.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended U.M.C.	Suspended N.P.D.	Died.	Rejected.	Membership 27th Dec., 1892.	Membership 27th Dec., 1893.
1	Prince Rupert's	5	4	3	3	3	3	....	....	1	1	116	123
2	Lisgar	2	2	2	....	2	1	....	....	....	1	58	61
3	Ancient Landmark	9	11	14	5	1	5	....	7	1	2	179	181
4	St. John's	4	3	3	4	2	2	....	12	....	1	117	113
6	Emerson	7	7	7	....	2	11	....	5	....	....	38	31
7	Assiniboine	3	4	5	2	....	4	....	....	....	....	102	103
8	King Solomon	3	4	4	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	30	33
9	Oakland	3	3	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	3	25	32
10	Northern Light	4	2	5	2	....	3	....	....	1	1	67	69
11	Gladstone	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	31	29
12	Stonewall	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	27
13	Belmont	8	8	9	4	....	2	....	....	....	2	78	88
14	Prince of Wales	2	1	2	4	....	4	....	2	2	1	57	55
15	Corinthian	4	4	2	3	1	3	....	....	....	....	24	29
16	Kinistino	3	3	3	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	48	53
19	Brandon	4	3	3	....	....	5	....	9	....	1	112	102
23	Wascana	6	6	10	6	....	6	....	....	1	2	75	80
24	Neepawa	4	3	3	....	1	3	....	1	....	3	29	30
25	Ionic	9	8	12	2	1	2	....	2	....	....	88	96
26	Moose Jaw	6	4	....	3	....	2	....	....	1	1	41	47
27	Glenwood	1	1	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	33	34
28	Bow River	7	8	8	2	....	9	....	4	2	....	81	75
29	Carberry	2	1	....	4	1	1	....	2	....	....	27	31
30	Manitou	4	3	2	....	1	7	....	7	....	....	32	23
31	Medicine Hat	2	1	1	....	....	2	....	1	....	1	37	36
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	4	6	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	24
33	Indian Head	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	28	33
34	Qu'Appelle	1	2	2	2	....	2	....	1	1	....	26	25

35	Moosomin	2	2	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	41	43
36	Doric	1	3	3	...	....	2	1	..	....	2	38	36
37	Alberta	13	9	9	2	1	...	....	....	...	2	34	50
38	Battle	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	2	....	31	24
39	Birtle	3	5	5	1	....	2	....	1	..	....	34	35
40	Deloraine	5	5	7	2	....	1	....	....	...	1	36	42
41	North Star	8	6	5	3	....	....	....	6	....	2	35	40
42	Cascade	3	3	2	1	....	2	....	....	....	2	34	36
43	Lebanon	4	4	2	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	36	39
44	Oak Lake	2	3	3	1	....	....	1	....	...	1	25	27
45	Spitzie	1	....	....	....	..	1	....	....	....	....	20	20
46	Wapananung	5	5	6	....	....	7	1	....	....	....	17	14
47	Ashlar	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	1	19	19
48	Glenboro	6	7	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	36
49	Temple	2	3	4	1	....	1	....	1	....	....	17	18
50	Killarney	2	1	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	19	20
51	Treherne	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	18	18
52	Hartney	5	2	3	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	16	21
53	Edmonton	17	14	4	4	...	2	....	....	..	....	16	35
54	Oriental	5	5	3	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16
U.D.	East Star	....	....	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	11
U.D.	Maple Leaf	....	....	....	7	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	7
U.D.	Evening Star	....	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	8
		198	186	190	111	18	111	3	61	14	34	2140	2278

ROLL OF EXTINCT LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Place of Meeting.	Date of Charter.	Remarks.
5	Hiram	Kildonan, Manitoba	June 14, 1879	Charter Surrendered June 13, 1890.
17	Saskatchewan	Edmonton, Saskatch'n	February 16, 1883	Charter Surrendered February 13, 1889.
18	Al Moghreb Al Aksa	Tangier, Morocco	February 16, 1883	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1890.
20	Pembina	Pilot Mound, Man.	February 9, 1882	Charter Forfeited June 11, 1891.
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie, Man	February 16, 1883	Consolidated with Assiniboine L'ge No.7, June 24, 89
22	Pequonga	Rat Portage, Ont.	March 3, 1883	United with Grand Lodge of Canada, April 6, 1887.

NAMES OF OFFICERS OF LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Town and P.O. Address.	County.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	J. Obed Smith	J. G. Harvey, Jr.	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Lisgar	Manitoba	Richard C. Moody	Robert W. Stewart	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Thomas H. Billman	Fred. P. Welsh	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Samuel G. G. Thompson	D. E. McKinnon	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson	Emerson	Manchester	Manitoba	John W. McDonald	John McCaul	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage laPrairie	Manitoba	Peter Whimster	Alex. Bowman	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	Robert F. McTavish	James Blair	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	Malcolm E. De Mill	Fred. Starkey	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	John M. O'Loughlin	A. J. Bannerman	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Thomas L. Morton	John Ferguson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	William Lindsay	George Robinson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Dufferin	Manitoba	Henry J. Pugh	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Minnedosa	Manitoba	John K. Patton	R. W. Burton	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Minnedosa	Manitoba	Robert Madden	R. T. Butchart	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	Joseph M. Coombs	R. B. Way, acting	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	Wm. A. Lang	R. L. Kennedy	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	John R. Marshall	James Ritchie	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Beautiful Plains	Manitoba	John J. McFadden	Alexander Lowe	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Selkirk	Manitoba	Wm. J. Boyd	E. S. Knowlton	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	David H. Purdon	Charles A. Gass	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Brandon	Manitoba	Wm. A. Forster	A. L. Young	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	George L. Fraser	W. L. Bernard	Monday on or before full moon.
29	Carberry	Carberry	Norfolk	Manitoba	Walter W. Ireland	Arthur Mack	Tuesday on or before full moon.

30	Manitou	Manitou	Dufferin	Manitoba	John H. Anderson	James Herald	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	William Crawford	H. C. U. Yuill	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	Ernest W. Miller	S. C. Elkington	Tuesday on or after full moon.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	H. H. Campkin	T. T. Grimmett	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	Arthur Webster	J. P. Creamer	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	George Campbell	Rev. W. T. Mitton.	Wednesday on or after full moon.
36	Doric	Boissevain	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	James S. Wilson	James D. Baine	Tuesday on or before full moon.
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	Edward J. Wright	D. L. Murison	Second Wednesday in each month
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	Hugh Richardson	John B. Mercer	First Wednesday in each month.
39	Birtle	Birtle	Shoal Lake	Manitoba	Thomas F. Patterson	Wm. W. Coleman	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	R. S. Thornton	M. A. Wilson	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star	Lethbridge		Alberta	F. H. Mewburn	Robert Sage	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Banff		Alberta	T. F. English	W. H. Fear	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon	Virden	Dennis	Manitoba	John D. McNiven	J. F. C. Menlove	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Dennis	Manitoba	Arthur W. Kent	Robert Neill, acting.	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek		Alberta	George C. Ives	James H. Schofield	Friday on or before full moon.
46	Wapananung	Broadview		Assiniboia	James Pollock.	Fred. H. Tatham	First Thursday in each month.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood		Assiniboia	R. S. Park	Alexander Miller	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Norfolk	Manitoba	Martin Skolrood	Wm. H. McConnell.	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor	Norfolk	Manitoba	Donald McLean	William Logie, act'g	Wednesday on or after full moon.
50	Killarney	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	F. M. Young	Robert S. Malone	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	Norfolk	Manitoba	J. K. Robson	W. D. Staples	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Winchester	Manitoba	George A. Coulter	Arthur G. Hopkins	Tuesday on or before full moon.
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	Charles W. Sutter	R. B. Ferguson	Third Friday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	John Crerar	J. L. Campbell	Thursday on or before full moon.
55	East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	Otto Schultz	J. D. Tomkins	Wednesday before full moon.
56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	William Barnwell	Alfred White	Thursday on or before full moon.
57	Evening Star.	Grenfell		Assiniboia	James A. Sutherland	Edward Fitzgerald	Tuesday on or after full moon.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

District Number One.

D.D.G.M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's ..... Winnipeg.
" 2—Lisgar. ..... Selkirk.
" 3—Ancient Landmark. ..... Winnipeg.
" 4—St. John's ..... Winnipeg.
" 6—Emerson ..... Emerson.
" 8—King Solomon ..... Morris.
" 10—Northern Light ..... Winnipeg.
" 12—Stonewall. ..... Stonewall.
" 25—Ionic. ..... Winnipeg.
" 55—East Star ..... Gretna.

District Number Two.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. John Andrew Davidson, *Neepawa.*

No. 7—Assiniboine ..... Portage la Prairie.
" 11—Gladstone ..... Gladstone.
" 24—Neepawa ..... Neepawa.
" 49—Temple ..... McGregor.

District Number Three.

D.D.G.M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. William Noble, *Glenboro.*

No. 9—Oakland ..... Carman.
" 48—Glenboro. ..... Glenboro.
" 51—Treherne ..... Treherne.

District Number Four.

D.D.G.M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. James Duncan Baine, *Boissevain,*

No. 13—Belmont ..... Morden.
" 30—Manitou. ..... Manitou.
" 36—Doric ..... Boissevain.
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine.
" 50—Killarney. ..... Killarney.
" 54—Oriental. ..... Melita.

District Number Five.

D.D.G.M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Thompson Butchart, *Rapid City.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle ..... Birtle.

District Number Six.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Frederick Young, *Prince Albert,*

No. 16—Kinistino. ..... Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle ..... Battleford.

District Number Seven.

D.D.G.M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. John Peter Anderson, *Carberry.*

No.	19—Brandon	Brandon.
"	27—Glenwood	Souris.
"	29—Carberry	Carberry.
"	43—Lebanon	Virden.
"	44—Oak Lake	Oak Lake.
"	52—Hartney	Hartney.

District Number Eight.

D.D.G.M.—V.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, *Moosomin.*

No.	23—Wascana	Regina.
"	26—Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw.
"	32—Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle.
"	33—Indian Head	Indian Head.
"	34—Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle.
"	35—Moosomin	Moosomin.
"	46—Wapananung	Broadview.
"	47—Ashlar	Whitewood.
"	57—Evening Star	Grenfell.

District Number Nine.

D.D.G.M.—V.·.W.·. Bro. Montague Henry White-Fraser, *Maple Creek.*

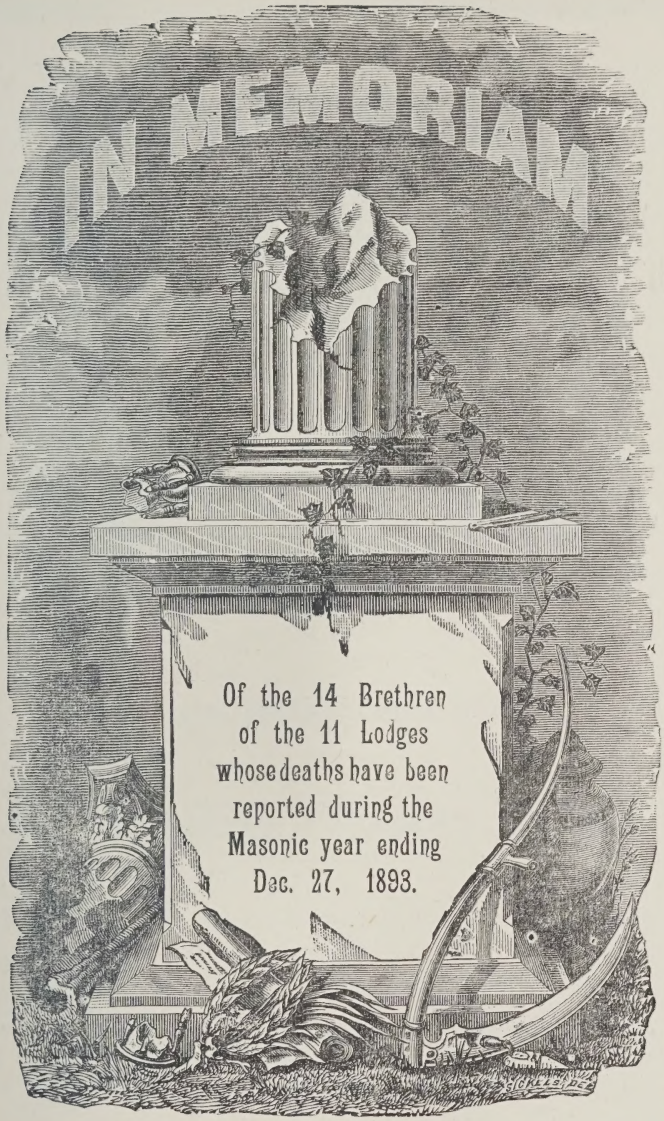
No.	28—Bow River	Calgary.
"	31—Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
"	37—Alberta	Macleod.
"	41—North Star	Lethbridge.
"	42—Cascade	Banff.
"	45—Spitzie	Pincher Creek.
"	53—Edmonton	Edmonton.
"	56—Maple Leaf	Maple Creek.

Recapitulation.

District Number One	10
District Number Two	4
District Number Three	3
District Number Four	6
District Number Five	3
District Number Six	2
District Number Seven	6
District Number Eight	9
District Number Nine	8
Total	51

DEATHS, 14—11 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
David Storey	December 9, 1893	Prince Rupert's	1
Andrew Taylor McNabb	July 23, 1893	Ancient Landmark	3
John Arthur Peebles	March 8, 1893	Northern Light	10
Robert Simpson	August 26, 1893	Prince of Wales	14
Rev. James Moncreiff Wellwood	October 17, 1893	Prince of Wales	14
Henry Dodd	January 1, 1893	Wascana	23
William Rouatt	December 30, 1892	Moose Jaw	26
John Field	March 4, 1893	Bow River	28
James Arthur Simons	January 15, 1893	Bow River	28
William Williamson	May 18, 1893	Indian Head	33
William Brydon	September 6, 1893	Qu'Appelle	34
Frederick Percy-Lea	August 13, 1893	Battle	38
John Munby Robson	October 27, 1893	Battle	38
Albert Ernest Greaves	June 21, 1893	Lebanon	43


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 14 Brethren
of the 11 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during the
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1893.

"The air is full of farewells to the dying and mournings for the dead.

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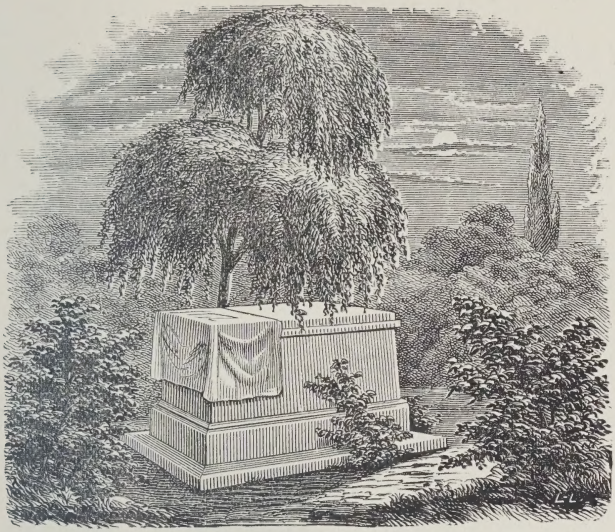
"All that tread
The Globe are but a handful to the tribes
That slumber in its bosom."



In Memoriam of

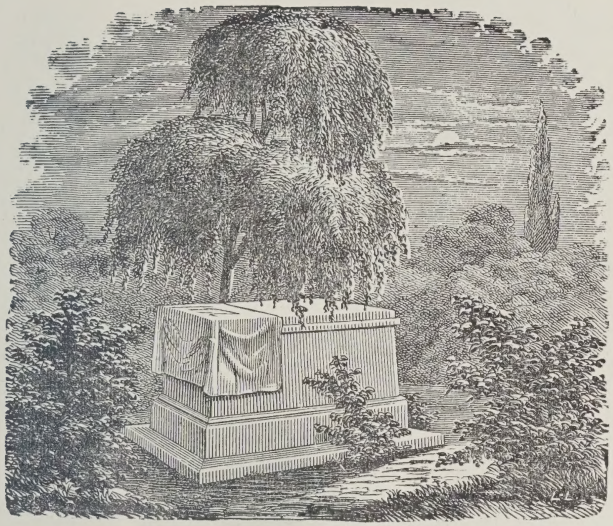
M.·. W.·. BRO. THOMAS CLARK,

Past Grand Master.

Born in Devonshire, England, March 31st, 1832.

Died at Winnipeg, Manitoba, December 29, 1893.

"If we drop our tears,
Who loved him as few men were ever loved,
We mourn no blighted hopes, nor broken plan
With him whose life stood rounded and approved
In the full growth and stature of a man."



In Memoriam of

R.·. W.·. BRO. REV. JAMES M. WELLWOOD,

Past Grand Senior Warden.

Born at Kitley, Leeds County, Ontario, November 12, 1846.

Died at Los Angeles, California, October 17, 1893.

"When love and honor twine the wreath
That crowns the stainless years,
What room is left for sad regret;
What cause remains for tears?"

IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

"There is no death ; what seems so is transition ;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portal we call death."

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Alexander Laurence Anderson	September 11, 1893.	Ancient Landmark	3
John Best	September 11, 1893.	Ancient Landmark	3
James Arthur Carman	September 11, 1893.	Ancient Landmark	3
Alexander Haggart (E.A.)	September 11, 1893.	Ancient Landmark	3
Richard William Allan Rolph	September 11, 1893.	Ancient Landmark	3
Alexander Duncan Taylor	September 11, 1893.	Ancient Landmark	3
Guy Clement Winstanley	September 11, 1893.	Ancient Landmark	3
John Bragg	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
Alexander Duncan	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
Thomas English	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
Robert Center Fraser	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
William George Hall	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
James Levy	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
James Lyons	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
Reuben Traveler McLean	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
James Stewart Nicholson	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
Frederick William Ross	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
Alexander Taylor	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
James F. Thompson	September 6, 1893.	St. John's	4
James Thomas Carney	May 25, 1893	Emerson	6
Robert Dick	May 25, 1893	Emerson	6
Benjamin Burrows Johnston	May 25, 1893	Emerson	6
Duncan J. McInnis	May 25, 1893	Emerson	6
Francis G. McGinley	May 25, 1893	Emerson	6
Moses Stewart	December 22, 1893.	Prince of Wales	14
Arthur Lallimand	December 22, 1893.	Prince of Wales	14
Hugh Robert Cameron	June 13, 1893	Brandon	19
Robert Franklin Edgar	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
William Moore Elliott	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
James Edward Mann	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
William Edgar McCandlish	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
Cecil Ogden Roberts	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
Isaac Shupe	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
Levi Stockton	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
George Winter	June 13, 1893.	Brandon	19
John Joseph Ewer	April 26, 1893.	Neepawa	24
Albert Edw. James Perceival	August 4, 1893	Ionic	25
Henry Harvey Smith	September 1, 1893.	Ionic	25
Jhon Ellis	April 24, 1893	Bow River	28
Frank Hilton	April 24, 1893.	Bow River	28
William McGillivray	April 24, 1893.	Bow River	28
Henry Allan Preslar	April 24, 1893.	Bow River	28
James Rutledge Rae	October 24, 1893.	Carberry	29
George Shiels	October 24, 1893.	Carberry	29
Luke Armstrong	December 22, 1893.	Manitou	30
Edward Carris	December 22, 1893.	Manitou	30
Samuel Crawford McDonnell	December 22, 1893	Manitou	30

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—*Continued.*

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Robert Robson McTavish	December 22, 1893.	Manitou	30
Findlay McDonald	December 22, 1893.	Manitou	30
George Walker Ullyott	December 22, 1893.	Manitou	30
Joseph S. Wilson	December 22, 1893.	Manitou	30
Charles Sylvester Hutchins	December 18, 1893	Medicine Hat	31
Charles Edward Cullen	December 27, 1893.	Qu'Appelle	34
Thomas Alshire	January 3, 1893	Birtle	39
Fred J. Bourdon	October 9, 1893	North Star	41
Donald Fraser	October 9, 1893	North Star	41
Hugh Hunter (F.C.)	October 9, 1893	North Star	41
Alexander Moffat	October 9, 1893	North Star	41
William McLean	October 9, 1893	North Star	41
George Edw. Rowley (F.C.)	October 9, 1893	North Star	41
Hugh Alfred Ritchie	April 5, 1893	Temple	49

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Andrew Allen Meadows	June 10, 1893	Doric	36
William Henry Saunders	October 6, 1893	Oak Lake	44
Robert Patterson	June 1, 1893	Wapananung	46

RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Dugald McEwen	March 21, 1893	Prince Rupert's	1
James Lauder	August 15, 1893	Prince Rupert's	1
James Gordon Crombie	August 15, 1893	Prince Rupert's	1
Henry Cochrane	March 6, 1893	Lisgar	2
John Macdougall	November 7, 1893	Lisgar	2
Charles Wesley Turnbull	June 12, 1893	Ancient Landmark	3
John Eccles (E.A.)	January 4, 1893	St. John's	4
William George Hall	October 4, 1893	St. John's	4
James Johnston	March 30, 1893	Emerson	6
Enoch Winkler	February 23, 1893	Emerson	6
John Pearson	May 2, 1893	Corinthian	15
Richard Gwynne	January 6, 1893	Kinistino	16
Thomas McKay	February 3, 1893	Kinistino	16
John Joseph Ewer	June 24, 1893	Neepawa	24
Albert Edw. James Percival	September 1, 1893	Ionic	25
George Shiels	November 21, 1893	Carberry	29
Joseph Tees	October 27, 1893	Manitou	30
Charles James Reach	August 5, 1893	Alberta	37

List of Elected Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba from its Organization, May 12, 1875.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy G. M.	Gr. S. Warden.	Gr. J. Warden.	Gr. Treasurer.	Gr. Secretary.	Gr. Registrar.	Gr. Chaplain.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson..	*Col. John Kennedy.	John H. Bell.....	**H. T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson...	G. F. Newcomb.	**J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell.....	J. W. Harris	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb...	James Henderson..	John W. Harris..	....	J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell.....	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb....	John W. Harris...	Simon Duffin....	*F. T. Bradley..	J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell.....	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris...	Simon Duffin....	R. McQuaig...	J. J. Johnson..	John H. Bell	**James Munroe..	Rev. James Flett..
1880	John H. Bell....	....	*Hon. G. McMicken.	†J.M. McGregor	J. J. Johnson..	Wm. G. Scott	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....	†D. B. Murray..	....	J. J. Johnson..	James Henderson..	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D, O'Meara.
1882	John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....	†Alfred Pearson.	.. ..	J. J. Johnson..	.....	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell.....	†D. B. Murray....	R. McQuaig....	† John Smith, M. D.	J. J. Johnson..	Wm. G. Scott	D. Young, M. D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	John H. Bell.....	.....	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M. D.	J. J. Johnson..	Wm. G. Scott ...	†Wm. Simpson....	Rev, Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	....	†Alfred Parson....	P. McGregor....	†Thos. Collins...	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson.	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	Alfred Pearson ...	Peter McGregor...	*J.W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. G. Bell.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark....	John A. Kerr ...	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Jas. S. Greig	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark....	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Joseph Daniel	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell	Thos. L. Morton	†Thos M'Ph'rson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne ..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1890	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell	†T.McFherson..	Fred L. Newman.	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	R. W. Woodroofe..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell.....	*John W.H.Wilson	Rich'd D. Foley.	John Leslie.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	James G. Dagg ...	Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	*John W. H. Wilson.	D. J. Goggin.....	F. G. Lewin....	Thos. Robinson..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. A. Windatt..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thomas Robinson.	Thomas Tweed	Corbet Locke....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott ...	J. H. Munson	Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed...	Charles N. Bell....	Corbet Locke....	Hugh U. Bain..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott	Rev. A. W. F. Cooper.	Rev. C.B.Pitblado.

* Dead. † Removed from jurisdiction. ** Withdrawn from Masonry.

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R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain, Prince Albert .....Grand Junior Warden.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black, Winnipeg.....D. D. G. M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Andrew Davidson, Neepawa..... .....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. William Noble, Glenboro... .....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Duncan Baine, Boissevain .....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Thompson Butchart, Rapid City.....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Frederick Young, Prince Albert ..... D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Peter Anderson, Carberry..... .....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Moosomin .....D. D. G. M.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Montague Henry White-Fraser, Maple Creek.....D. D. G. M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg..... .....Grand Treasurer.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott, Winnipeg. .....Grand Secretary.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Alfred William Francis Cooper, Calgary..Grand Registrar.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles Bruce Pitblado, Winnipeg.....Grand Chaplain.
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V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Howard Billman, Winnipeg .... Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. George Murdoch, Calgary.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
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R.·. W.·. Bro. R. W. Woodroofe.
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R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell.
W.·. Bro. John Chambers.

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R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts.

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R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley.
W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Leggo.

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W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, *Chairman.*

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James T. Black.
W.·. Bro. Nelson R. Wessel.
W.·. Bro. A. A. Aird.

On Credentials and Reception.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, *Chairman.*

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Payne.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley.
W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. J. D. O'Meara.	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	Robert W. Woodroofe	Winnipeg	August 25, 1891

From the United Kingdom.

England	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg	March 17, 1886
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 6, 1884

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	November 30, 1888
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie	December 26, 1883
California	Fred. Leslie Newman	Portage la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	November 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch.	Winnipeg	January 11, 1889
Distr't of Columbia	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	November 27, 1888
Florida	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thos. Lewis Morton.	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John Headly Bell	Winnipeg	August 28, 1876
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Brandon	December 20, 1892
Kentucky	Alfred Pearson	Winnipeg	January 18, 1881
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt	Portage la Prairie	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicholl	Neepawa	December 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	May 16, 1888
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklyn Boyd.	Minnedosa	February 12, 1891
Montana	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 22, 1875
Nebraska	Rich'd Dennis Foley.	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	Corbet Locke	Morden	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	November 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	November 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	Duncan J. Compbell	McLeod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	December 15, 1883
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Fred'k L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Winnipeg	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa	March 15, 1879
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 12, 1885
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1891
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assa	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887
Wyoming	Simon Duffin	Winnipeg	June 26, 1877

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Danl. H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
New Zealand	Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat	February 25, 1893
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885
Victoria	F. G. Lewin	Moosomin	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving, Q.C.	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munro	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald, M.D.	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	Thomas A. McLean.	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	September 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	Geo. W. Shannon	Dublin	December 13, 1890
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	James W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver.	Prescott	June 29, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	John Mills Brown	Vallego	May 9, 1877
Colorado	Jethro C. Sanford	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut	George W. Bently	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson.	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
Dis't of Columbia	James P. Pearson	Washington	August 16, 1880
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh.	Tallahassee	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo	September 5, 1879
Iowa	Geo. M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Kentucky	Henry G. Sandifer.	Danville	June 16, 1879
Louisiana	Charles Chaffey	New Orleans	June 8, 1877
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice, M. D.	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	November 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	Joseph Carpenter	Gold Hill	October 2, 1893
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	George W. Powe	Jersey City	May 13, 1891
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb.	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts	New York	December 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	C. F. Baldwin	Mount Vernon	March 7, 1893
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Layfayette	
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Ingleby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Dandridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsicana	September 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City.	September 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	April 10, 1891
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884
Wyoming	J. K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne	August 25, 1877

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	William H. Tulloch	Sydney	October 30, 1889
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	November 24, 1887
New Zealand	Hon. Henry Feldwick	Auckland	December 10, 1892
South Australia	James Magor Symons	Moonta	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	February 16, 1891

List of Grand Lodges with the Names and Addresses of the Grand Secretaries.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	F. W. Wisdom	St. John's.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth	London
Ireland	Arch'd St. George, D.G.S.	Dublin
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hampstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnston	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward Parmelee	Pueblo.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, D.C. M.T
Florida	Andrew J. Russell	Jacksonville.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	Boise City.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Freeport.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka Choctaw Nat'n.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, Dw'r 81.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Mas. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, Mas. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	C. N. Notewear	Carson.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. T.
North Carolina	Wm. H. Bain	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinatti.
Oregon	S. F. Chadwick	Salem.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nesbit	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Aberdeen.
Tennessee	John Frizzel	Nashville.
Texas	W. F. Swain	Houston, P.O. Bx. 275.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Bx. 780.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

AUSTRALIA.

New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson	Auckland, Mas. Inst.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
United Grand Lodge, N.S.W.	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
Victoria	T. H. Lempriere	Melbourne.

AFRICA.

Egypt	Bey Bacos	Alexandria.
Liberia	H. A. Williams	Monrovia.
Tunis	Edward Nurri	Tunis.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—*Continued.*

EUROPE.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Hungary	Moritz Gelleri	Budapest.
Belgium, Grand Orient of	Rian-Nedgrot	Brussels.
" Sup. Council of	Leopold Riche	Brussels.
Denmark	R. O. Nielsen	Copenhagen.
France—Lodge	P. Gourman-Cornille	Paris.
" Orient	Thevenot	Paris.
" Council	E. Berard	Paris.
Germany—Three Globes	A. Gust. Gravenstein	Berlin.
" National	E. T. P. Meyerhoff	Berlin.
" Royal York	Karl E. Blouche	Berlin.
" Hamburg	Paul Ad Umbehagen	Hamburg.
" Zur Einthraedt	Dr. Karl Nies	Worms, 14 Romer St.
" Union Eclectric	Karl Paul	Frankfort-on-the-Main
" Saxony	F. G. Steubler	Dresden.
" of the Sun	C. H. Fisher	Bayreuth.
Greece	Etien Stephanos	Athens.
Italy	Ettore Ferrari	Rome.
Portugal	Andre Joquin de Bastos	Lisbon.
Roumania	Dr. N. Theodoreschi	Bucharest.
Spain—Grand Sym. Lodge of	Joaquin Reiz	Madrid.
" National	E. C. DePuga	Madrid.
Sweden	Leopold Van Horn	Stockholm.
Switzerland	Charles Beeson	Berne.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Argentine Republic G. ·. O. ·. of	Manuel Archavala	Buenos Ayres.
Brazil	Olympis Pilanga	Rio de Janeiro.
" Grand Orient of	Antonio Pinto Mendez	Rio de Janeiro.
Costa Rica	A. Osborne	San Jose.
Chili	Julius Vellawenon	Valparaiso.
Columbia, Sup. Coun. U. S. of	Damaro Zapota	Carthagena.
Cuba	Jose F. Pellon	Havana.
Mexico	Jamaliel Avenus	Mexico.
Peru	J. A. Ego Aguirre	Lima.
Porto Rico	Vicinta Regan	Mayequis.
Venezuela	Jesus M. Medino	Caraccas.

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M.·.W.·.GRAND LODGE

—OF—

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ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

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Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the town of Regina, District of Assiniboia, North-West Territories, on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 18th, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894, at four o'clock.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31) .....Grand Master.
R.·. " " John Alexander Kerr (23).....as Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. " " James Henry Benson (23).....as Grand Senior Warden.
" " William Henderson (23).....as Grand Junior Warden.
" " John Robert Marshall (23).... .....as Grand Treasurer.
M.·. " " David James Goggin (10).....as Grand Secretary.
" " James Nathan McDonald (26).....as Grand Chaplain.
" Peter Hourie (23) .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
" James McKee (23) .. ..as Grand Junior Deacon.
W.·. " Philip Thomas (23)....as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Hamilton Lang (26).....as Grand Organist.
W.·. " James Newton Chatwin (23).....as Grand Steward.
" " Robert Henry Lowe (26).....as Grand Steward.
" " Samuel Bell Jamieson (23)..... .....as Grand Steward.
" " Frederick Bell (34).....as Grand Steward.
" Lemuel Alexander Ferguson (23)..as Grand Pursuivant.
" George Harrison Gamble (33).....as Grand Tyler.

and brethren from Wascana Lodge, No. 23 ; Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, and Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34.

Grand Lodge Opened.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church (Anglican).

A procession, in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Constitution, was formed, and marched from the lodge room to the site of the new building.

The Grand Officers having taken their respective positions, the acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing upon their labors.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll, about to be deposited in the cavity beneath the stone :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 18th Day of September, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894.

And in the 58th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, EARL OF ABERDEEN, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. CHARLES HERBERT McINTOSH, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories.

F. W. G. Haultain, Esq., M.L.A., James R. Neff, Esq., M.L.A., Thomas Tweed, Esq., M.L.A., Hillyard Mitchell, Esq., M.L.A., members of the North-West Executive Committee.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain, Grand Junior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. GEORGE B. MURPHY, District Deputy Grand Master, District Number 8.

W.·. Bro. John Robert Marshall, W.·. Master, Bro. Alexander Sheppard, Senior Warden, Bro. Franklin Nash, Junior Warden, of Wascana Lodge, No. 23, Regina.

The Right Reverend William John Burns, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, The Reverend W. E. Brown, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, R. B. Gordon, Esq., and J. W. Jowett, Esq., Wardens, F. H. Peters, Architect, Robert Martin, Mayor of the town of Regina.

The Corner Stone

OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

Was laid by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers, the brethren of Wascana Lodge, No. 23, and other brethren, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft, which may God ever protect and prosper.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with the current coins of Canada, and the following :

Journal of the 11th Session of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.
Copy of Church Monthly of Diocese of Qu'Appelle.
Report of the Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Easter, 1894.
List of Officers of St. Paul's Church, 1894-95.

Copies of The Regina Leader, The Regina Standard, The Manitoba Free Press, The Nor'-Wester, Winnipeg.

By-Laws of Wascana Lodge, No. 23, and photograph of the town of Regina, and "The Leader" office.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master by Mr. J. W. Jowett, on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Church.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL FORMED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony the Grand Master and M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin delivered interesting and eloquent addresses.

The procession was then re-formed and returned to the Lodge room.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in ample *form* at 6.35 o'clock p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the village of Hartney, Province of Manitoba, on the afternoon of Monday, June 10th, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at four o'clock.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31)..... Grand Master.
" " " James Alexander Ovas (15)....as Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. " " James Edwin Maynard (40)....as Grand Senior Warden.
" " Ainslie Lunham Young (27)... as Grand Junior Warden.
" " William Allan Forster (27).....as Grand Treasurer.
" " William Arthur Lang (19)..... as Grand Secretary.
" Edward Stark Phillips (19).....as Grand Chaplain.
" Andrew Rodger Dickson (31)....as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.·. " Edward Riley Redpath (54).... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" John Hunter (54).....as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" William Hopkins (52)..... as Grand Steward.
" Frank Hill (52).....as Grand Steward.
" Frank Henry (52) .....as Grand Steward.
W.·. " William Crawford (31) .... as Grand Pursuivant.
" Sylvester H. Dickson (52) ....as Grand Tyler.

and brethren from Brandon Lodge, No. 19; Glenwood Lodge, No. 27; Doric Lodge, No. 36; Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44; Hartney Lodge, No. 52; Oriental Lodge, No. 54; and other brethren.

Grand Lodge Opened.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's church, (Anglican).

A procession, in accordance with the regulations in the Constitution, was then formed, and the brethren proceeded in order to the site of the new building.

The Grand Officers having taken their respective positions, the Acting Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine blessing upon their labors.

The Acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll, about to be deposited in the cavity beneath the stone:

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 10th Day of June, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895.

And in the 58th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies,

Empress of India.

His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. SIR JOHN C. SCHULTZ, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

The Honorable THOMAS GREENWAY, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh U. Bain, Grand Junior Warden.

R.·. W.·. Bro. JOHN PETER ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand Master District No. 7.

W.·. Bro. Wm. B. Muir, W. M., Bro. William Hopkins, S.W., Bro. Arthur G. Hopkins, J. W., of Hartney Lodge, No. 52.

His Grace the Most Reverend Robert Machray, D.D., Prelate of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Archbishop of Rupert's Land and Primate of all Canada.

The Reverend W. A. Butterworth, Rector.

J. E. Sparrow and C. D. Battie, Wardens.

C. Gahan, M. D., W. B. Muir, E. C. Nickson, G. S. Hallen, G. Pettipiece and R. J. Taylor, Vestrymen.

The Reverend W. A. Butterworth, Architect.

Cameron & Barker, of Deloraine, builders.

The Corner Stone

OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

was laid by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers, the brethren of Hartney Lodge, No. 52, and other brethren, in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft, which may God ever protect and prosper.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a phial containing current coins of Canada, and the following :—

Copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M., for 1894.

By-Laws of Hartney Lodge, No. 52.

Copies of the Daily and Weekly Free Press, Winnipeg, Daily and Weekly Nor'-Wester, Winnipeg, and Daily and Weekly Tribune, Winnipeg.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master by the rector, the Rev. W. A. Butterworth.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it:

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony, interesting and eloquent addresses were delivered by the Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, and by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M., and Rev. W. A. Butterworth.

The procession was then re-formed, and the brethren returned to the Lodge room.

Grand Lodge Closed.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* at 7 o'clock p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Twentieth Annual Communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in Friendship Hall, at the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, June 12th, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Thomas Tweed (31)	Grand Master.
R.·.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	Corbet Locke (13)	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	John Leslie (1)	as Grand Junior Warden.
"	"	"	James Thompson Black (4)	D. D. Grand Master.
"	"	"	William Noble (48)	D. D. Grand Master.
"	"	"	James Duncan Baine (36)	D. D. Grand Master.
"	"	"	John Peter Anderson (29)	D. D. Grand Master.
"	"	"	George B. Murphy (35)	D. D. Grand Master.
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)	Grand Treasurer.
"	"	"	William George Scott (1)	Grand Secretary.
	"	"	William Crawford (31)	as Grand Registrar.
"	"	"	Rev. Charles Bruce Pitblado (4)	Grand Chaplain.
V.·.	"	"	James Alexander Carley (25)	as Grand Senior Deacon.
"	"	"	Thomas Howard Billman (3)	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R.·.	"	"	Willard Cooke Copeland (25)	as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
V.·.	"	"	James Rae (36)	Grand Steward.
		"	Andrew Rodger Dickson (31)	as Grand Steward.
V.·.	W.·.	Bro.	John Killops Patton (14)	Grand Pursuivant.
		"	John McBride (1)	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10)..... Past Grand Master.
" " " John Headley Bell (3) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " James Alexander Ovas (15) ..... .Past Grand Master.
" " " William George Bell (3) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " David James Goggin (10) .... Past Grand Master.
R.·. " " John Walter Harris (4) .....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " William George Scott (1)....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Robinson (10).....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Simon Duffin (3) ... .Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Thomas Lewis Morton (11) Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " John Kerr Brydon.....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Roland C. Brown (7).....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Frederick Leslie Newman (7) Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " John Leslie (1) .....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " James Leslie (14)..... ... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25) .... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William John Ptolemy (4). . ..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William Francis Ellis (30)..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Leslie (1)..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James George Dagg (2) .... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40) .... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John McGuirl (35)..... ..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Byron Marcus Canniff (7) .... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Spiers Greig (14).....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " James Andrew Payne (4) .....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " William Andrew Windatt (3) ....Past Grand Registrar.

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges :

Alabama ....R.·. W.·. Bro. James Leslie.
Arizona ..... " " " James Andrew Payne.
California ..... " " " Frederick Leslie Newman.
Canada ....M.·. " " Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Delaware .....R.·. " " Alexander James Belch.
Florida .....M. " " Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Georgia .....R. " " Thomas Lewis Morton.

Idaho	M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	John Headley Bell.
Illinois	R.	"	"	John Leslie.
Ireland	"	"	"	William George Scott.
Kansas	M.	"	"	James Alexander Ovas.
Louisiana	R.	"	"	James Johnson White.
Maryland		"	"	Alexander Nicol.
Michigan	R.	"	"	John McKechnie.
Mississippi	M.	"	"	William George Bell.
Montana	"	"	"	John Headley Bell.
Nevada	R.	"	"	Corbet Locke.
New Hampshire	"	"	"	David James Goggin.
New Jersey	"	"	"	William John Ptolemy.
New York	"	"	"	John Walter Harris.
New Zealand	M.	"	"	Thomas Tweed.
Nova Scotia	"	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara.
Ohio	R.	"	"	Willard Cooke Copeland.
Peru	"	"	"	Charles Napier Bell.
Prince Edward Island		"	"	John J. Jackson.
Scotland	M.	"	"	John Headley Bell.
South Carolina	R.	"	"	William Andrew Windatt.
South Dakota	"	"	"	Frederick Leslie Newman.
Tennessee	"	"	"	Roland C. Brown.
Virginia	"	"	"	William Francis Ellis.
Wisconsin	"	"	"	Thomas Robinson.
Wyoming	"	"	"	Simon Duffin.

And the Following Past Masters :

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William George Scott (1)
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)
"	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)
	"	"	John J. Jackson (1)
	"	"	Joseph Greenfield (1)
	"	"	John Obed Smith (1)
V.	"	"	Joseph Hursell (1)
R.	"	"	John Leslie (1)
M.	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1)
	"	"	Joseph Tees (1)
R.	"	"	James George Dagg (2)
	"	"	John James Erskine (2)
	"	"	Robert Moncrieff (2)
M.	"	"	John Headley Bell (3)
R.	"	"	Simon Duffin (3)

V.·. W.·. Bro. George Edward Fulthorpe (3)
M. " " William George Bell (3)
R. " " William Andrew Windatt (3)
" " Andrew McDiarmid (3)
" " John Chambers (3)
V. " " Thomas Howard Billman (3)
R. " " Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)
" " Arthur Edward James Durrant (3)
" " Andrew Schmidt (3)
R. " " John Walter Harris (4)
" " " William John Ptolemy (4)
" " " Alexander James Belch (4)
" " " James Andrew Payne (4)
" " " James Thompson Black (4)
" " Alexander A. Aird (4)
" " Samuel Gibson Getty Thompson (4)
" " Thomas William Taylor (4)
R. " " Roland C. Brown (7)
" " " Frederick Leslie Newman (7)
" " " Byron Marcus Canniff (7)
" " William James Cooper (7)
V. " " Henry Joseph Woodside (7)
" " Thomas Tunbridge Bailey (7)
M. " " Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson (10)
R. " " Thomas Robinson (10)
M. " " David James Goggin (10)
" " John Myles O'Loughlin (10)
" " John Robert Grant (10)
" " Herman Joseph Eberts (10)
R. " " Thomas Lewis Morton (11)
" " " Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11)
V. " " Alexander Nicol (11)
R. " " Corbet Locke (13)
" " " James Leslie (14)
" " " James Speirs Greig (14)
V. " " John Killops Patton (14)
M. " " James Alexander Ovas (15)
" " William Edward Thompson (19)
" " William Arthur Lang (19)
V. " " James Johnson White (25)
R. " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25)
" " James Fletcher Mitchell (25)
V. " " James Alexander Carley

W.·. Bro. Hyman Miller (25)
" " Ainslie Lunham Young (27)
" " James Dickson (29)
R. " " John Peter Anderson (29)
" " " William Francis Ellis (30)
" " Mathew Young (30)
M. " " Thomas Tweed (31)
" " William Crawford (31)
R. " " John McGuirl (35)
" " " George B. Murphy (35)
" " " James Duncan Baine (36)
V. " " James Rae (36)
" " John Sutherland McKay (36)
R. " " John Lane (39)
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40)
" " Charles Alexander Young (40)
" " Robert Stirton Thornton (40)
" " Hascall Ransford (42)
R. " " William Noble (48)
" " William Guy Livingstone (48)
" " James McNaughton (50)
" " James K. Robson (51)
" " John Crerar (54)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), Acting Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), the minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the

Nineteenth Annual Communication, held at the village of Banff, District of Alberta, on the 13th and 14th days of June, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894, copies of which were printed and forwarded to the subordinate lodges, and the minutes of the Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, held at the town of Regina, District of Assiniboia, on the 18th day of September, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894, and at the village of Hartney, on the 10th day of June, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, and entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, were taken as read and each therein confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Tweed, then read his annual address as follows :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba :

Once more we are permitted by Divine Grace to assemble together, and I heartily welcome you to the Twentieth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.

It seems but yesterday that we held our last Annual Meeting in the groves of the National Park, yet another full year has passed, with all its joys and sorrows, and another year's work has been added to our record, and with it the second decade in our history as a Grand Lodge has been completed.

Let us with profound gratitude thank our Heavenly Father for His loving kindness to us as a fraternity, and to ourselves as individuals during the past year. Let us invoke His blessing on all our undertakings and His guidance in all our deliberations.

NECROLOGY.

Before proceeding to other subjects let us pause to pay a tribute to the memory of our beloved dead. During the year, thirteen of our good brethren and true, have passed through "the valley of the shadow of death" to meet Him in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night, reminding us that we are like "the grass which growth up in the morning and flourisheth and in the evening is cut down and withereth." Brethren, let us remember that our day is fast passing and our night is at hand. May our lives be so ordered that when the King of Terrors comes to us, we will be enabled with our expiring breath to say, "thanks be to God which giveth us the victory."

> "So live that when the summons comes to join
> The innumerable caravan which moves
> To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
> His chamber in the silent halls of death;
> Then go not like the quarry slave at night,
> Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
> By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave."

Death has also rested heavily on sister Grand Jurisdictions and many distinguished brethren have been called from their earthly labors.

In Arizona, M.·. W.·. Bro. Alonzo Reed, Grand Master, died July 12, 1894.

In Colorado, M.·. W.·. Bro. John Milton Chivington, Past Grand Master, died October 4th, 1894.

In Connecticut, R.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph Kellog Wheeler, for twenty years Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, died October 10, 1894.

For the second time, and within the short space of one month, death entered the ranks of that Grand Lodge, taking R.·. W.·. Bro. Mark R. Leavenworth, Grand Senior Warden, on November 1, 1894.

In Kentucky, M.·. W.·. Bro. Edward Beach Jones, Past Grand Master, died August 2, 1894.

In Oregon, M.·. W.·. Bro. Stephen Fowler Chadwick, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, died January 15, 1895.

In Tennessee, M.·. W.·. Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, died November 30, 1894.

In Texas, M.·. W.·. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, Past Grand Master, died July 9, 1894.

In Utah, R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Lee Scannell, Deputy Grand Master, died October 13, 1894.

In Wisconsin, M.·. W.·. Bro. R. Delos Pulfort, Past Grand Master, died October 19, 1894.

In Louisiana, R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Chaffey, who served this Grand Lodge faithfully as its representative since June 8, 1877, died August 9, 1894.

Suitable memorial pages will be set apart in our proceedings in memory of these brethren.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Following the example of my predecessor, I have requested the Grand Secretary to report all my official acts during the year relating to the issuing of Dispensations permitted by our Constitution, the revision and approval of By-laws, and the appointments of Grand Representatives.

VISITATIONS.

I have not been able to carry out my intention of visiting a number of the subordinate Lodges in our jurisdiction. Owing to the last sad illness and death of my aged and beloved mother at the time I had set apart for this work, I did not feel equal to the task much as I deemed it my duty to do so. Under the circumstances I feel that the brethren of so many Lodges who so kindly invited me to visit them, will not consider my non-acceptance as owing to lack of interest.

CEREMONIAL.

Upon the invitation of the Church Wardens of St. Paul's Church (Anglican) Regina, Assiniboia, I, as Grand Master, laid the Corner Stone of their new church in that town on September 18th, 1894. I have pleasure in reporting that a most creditable turnout was made by the Masons of Regina, Moose Jaw and Qu'Appelle, who at my request attended and assisted in the ceremonies. The procession was headed by the excellent band of the North-West Mounted Police. A very able address was delivered by M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, Past Grand Master. A similar invitation was extended to me by the authorities of the Anglican Church at Hartney, Manitoba, which I have accepted for June 10, 1895. Owing to my address having been written prior to the above date, I am unable to give particulars. A full report, however, will appear in the Proceedings for the current year.

On the invitation of the Worshipful Master and brethren of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31 and those of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 56, I installed the officers of these two Lodges in the Masonic Hall at Medicine Hat, on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

DECISIONS.

A number of decisions have been given by me during the year, none of which I deem of sufficient importance to submit for your consideration. I desire, however, to mention that I have had several requests from subordinate Lodges for permission for one Lodge to confer the degree of Entered Apprentice at the request of another, but as this matter has been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report upon at this session, I withheld my consent pending the action of Grand Lodge.

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.

In December last I received an application from Alberta Lodge No. 37, for a dispensation to install its officers in public. While quite aware that this practice prevails in some of the less conservative jurisdictions of the United States, I was at a loss to see how the provisions of our Constitution, governing the ceremony of installation, could be properly carried out in the presence of the public; I therefore refused to grant the dispensation.

I cannot do better than to quote here what the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has since said on this subject:—

"It will be observed that applications continue to be made every year for dispensations for public installations of officers; seldom if at all, is any real or abiding good accomplished by these demonstrations

—the Ritual for which, by reason of the circumstances, is both abbreviated and modified, and, at the same time, is not improved, as we know, but on the contrary *decidedly marred* by the unnecessary changes. A long line of precedents both venerable and honorable, is, to my mind, almost the only justification for granting dispensations of this character. I am pleased to note, however, that the number of applications does not increase, and I trust that the day is coming when the Brethren will realize that the best interests of the Masonic Fraternity will be promoted and served by the invariable performance of its installation ceremonies, which are, in a sense, when fully and properly rendered, some of the most important of all our realistic observances within the tyled Lodge, and will, therefore, voluntarily cease to seek for dispensations to authorize their disclosure, or partial disclosure to the uninitiated.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

A reference to the several reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, shows an increase of membership during the year. The prevailing financial depression, however, has doubtless had the effect of preventing many worthy men from seeking admission to our beloved institution. This is to be regretted, yet we have the knowledge that our membership is united, and that the greatest harmony exists all over our wide jurisdiction. I am hopeful that with the now returning tide of prosperity, our prospects will be materially brightened. I would urge upon subordinate Lodges the necessity of sufficiently insuring their property, and of collecting the dues more promptly, and would suggest the advisability, in the general interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction, of the abolition or reduction of affiliation fees.

RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

It is with pleasure that I have to report that our relations with our sister jurisdictions continue to be of the most friendly character.

Under this head I desire to report that on the 10th Dec., 1894, I received a letter from the Worshipful Master of St. Paul's Lodge, 374 G. R. of England, meeting at Montreal, requesting permission to initiate a resident of the Northwest Territories with that Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec holding concurrent jurisdiction in the City of Montreal, with both of which Grand Lodges we are on the most intimate and fraternal terms, I did not feel inclined to accept the responsibility of creating a precedent, whereby possible complications might arise, and consequently refused to waive jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodges of Wyoming and Kentucky having decided to abandon the system of Grand Representatives, and having requested

that the commissions of Representatives for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the above named Grand Lodges be withdrawn, nothing was left to be done but to comply, which I accordingly did, at the same time expressing the hope that, as in the past, the same fraternal good feeling would exist in the future.

INVITATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan extended me an invitation to attend the semi-centennial celebration of that Grand Lodge in the City of Detroit, on January 24th, 1895. I regret to say that I was unable to attend.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

At the request of the Board of General Purposes I appointed a Special Committee to revise the Constitution. This action was deemed advisable in view of the fact that the entire stock of Constitutions was destroyed by fire, and that a revision would be desirable before a new edition was printed. The following are the names of the brethren so appointed :—M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, P.G.M., M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, P.G.M., R.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. Robinson, P.D.G.M., R.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, D.G.M., and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, as ex-officio members.

RANK OF P.D.D.G.M.

I beg to recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following brethren :

R.·. W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black.
" " " William Noble.
" " " James Duncan Baine.
" " " Robert Thompson Butchart.
" " " Charles Frederick Young.
" " " John Peter Anderson.
" " " George B. Murphy.
" " " Montague Henry White-Fraser.

MASONIC TEMPLE AT WINNIPEG.

On the 16th of November, 1894, this jurisdiction in general, and the Winnipeg brethren in particular, sustained a severe loss by the disastrous fire which destroyed the building occupied by them. Many of the losses are irreparable, especially the records and library. With characteristic energy the brethren of the various City Lodges, and of the other branches of Masonry, set to work to raise funds for the new Masonic Temple, and I am informed have met with most gratifying success.

Our Grand Secretary will doubtless be prepared to go more particularly into the details of the project. Suffice at this time for me to say that ere long a fitting edifice will be erected and dedicated to Masonry, which will be alike a credit to the City and a monument to the zeal of the brethren of Winnipeg.

RETROSPECTIVE.

Upon entering the third decade of our existence as a Grand Lodge we can look back with pardonable pride upon our past history. What a small beginning was ours ! What numberless difficulties were met and overcome ! What memories crowd in upon us, some pleasant, while the thought of those brethren who were wont to meet with us in the past, and who are now among the departed, brings to our faces a momentary shadow, yet their upright lives and bright example are indeed a blessed inheritance. Brethren, we must press forward with our good work, not wearying in well-doing ; let us one and all, in whatever capacity employed, strive to do our duty in the future even more faithfully than we have in the past. Having done this, the Supreme Architect of the Universe will bestow upon us His approving smile, and ours will be the privilege to hear the rewarding words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

CONCLUSION.

Let me conclude by saying that the year during which I have had the high honor of holding the gavel of the Grand Master, has been in Masonry, comparatively speaking, an uneventful one. Few subjects for discussion, of general interest to the Craft, have arisen during my term of office ; nevertheless Masonry still extends its circle, its members exert their influence for good in almost every community. The leavening presence of true Masonic lives is felt everywhere. To all my brethren of this jurisdiction I return sincere thanks for their loyalty to their Grand Master, to this Grand Lodge and to the glorious principles of Freemasonry. More especially do I wish to thank our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary for his fraternal assistance and counsel, and his great faithfulness to the arduous duties of his important office.

And now brethren, let us undertake the important work for which we are called together, and may wisdom from on high guide, moderate and direct us in our counsels.

THOMAS TWEED,
Grand Master.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas (15), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, I respectfully report as follows :

I have visited, officially, the following Lodges, viz :

Prince Rupert No. 1, Winnipeg ; Ancient Landmark No. 3, Winnipeg ; St. John's No. 4, Winnipeg ; King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris ; Northern Light No. 10, Winnipeg ; Ionic No. 25, Winnipeg, and East Star No. 55, Gretna.

I regret very much that, owing to my business and other engagements, I was prevented from visiting Lisgar Lodge No. 2, Selkirk, Emerson Lodge No. 6, and Stonewall Lodge No. 12. Stonewall, but judging from the reports which I have received from these Lodges, I am of the opinion that suitable progress is being made. I have also visited, unofficially, the several City Lodges on several occasions.

On November 7, 1894, accompanied by W.·. Bro. J. Obed Smith and W.·. Bro. John F. Mitchell, I visited East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna, and with their assistance constituted and consecrated the Lodge and installed the officers in due form. The newly installed officers conferred the Fellow Craft degree in a creditable manner. This Lodge has had many difficulties to contend with owing to the removal from the district of its first W.·. M.·., but the charter had been granted, and had it not been for the untiring efforts of W.·. Bro. Otto Schultz, this Lodge would not have been in its present position to-day. I have every reason to hope that with continued effort on the part of the members this Lodge will be firmly established.

Prince Rupert Lodge No. 1, Winnipeg : I visited this Lodge in November, 1894, and had the pleasure of seeing W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith confer the E. A. and M. M. degrees. The work was performed correctly and in an impressive manner. The books of the Lodge are neatly kept and in accordance with the Constitution, and the Lodge appears to be in a good condition financially and otherwise.

On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th, 1894, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bros. Thomas Robinson, R. W. Woodroofe, John

Leslie, W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith and others, I installed the officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, St. John's Lodge No. 4, Northern Light Lodge No. 10 and Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, Winnipeg : On the occasion of my official visit I had an opportunity of seeing the F. C. degree conferred by W.·. Bro. E. W. Rugg and his officers, and I regret to say that the manner in which the degree was conferred did not impress me as favorably as I had anticipated. The reasons for this were not on account of lack of ability or skill on the part of the officers, but from the fact that the hour being late they evidently considered it their duty to cut the degree short and hurry through the work. In my remarks to the Lodge I informed the members present that in my judgment it would have been better to have omitted the lecture altogether on that occasion than that the effect of the whole degree should be spoiled by unnecessary hurry. The books of this Lodge are exceptionally well kept and financially it is in a good position.

St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg : I visited this Lodge officially, as well as in my capacity as a member, and found good work being done. The books are neatly and correctly kept and the outlook is very encouraging.

King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris : I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting in May, 1895, and was greatly surprised at the intelligent and impressive manner in which the W.·. M.·. and his officers performed the ceremonies of initiation and raising. The affairs of the Lodge are conducted in a very business-like manner. The building in which the meetings are held is the property of the Lodge and insurance to the amount of seven hundred dollars is carried. The Lodge is in a good financial position and the outlook is bright.

Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg : On the occasion of my official visit to this Lodge, I was unfortunate in not having an opportunity of judging as to the proficiency of the officers in conferring degrees. The books are very neatly kept and the tendency of the Lodge is upward.

Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg : I visited this Lodge officially and was favorably impressed with the manner in which W.·. Bro. Norman Brownell and his officers performed the ceremonies. The books are neatly kept, but the fact that there is $398 outstanding for arrears of dues, would indicate that the provisions of the Constitution are not being complied with.

In the course of my official visits I have endeavored to impress upon the officers and members generally, the high importance of conferring the degrees of Masonry in as impressive and dignified a manner as possible, and to endeavor to thoroughly understand the lectures, etc., in every particular, before attempting to instruct a candidate, as otherwise the lecture or charge will make little or no impression on the candidate.

Before closing I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the many kindly acts and courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. THOMPSON BLACK,

D.D.G.M. District Number One.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Three, I respectfully report as follows :—

I am pleased to report that Masonry in this District continues in a satisfactory condition and peace and harmony prevail among the brethren.

I have visited all the Lodges in this District and found them fairly efficient and able to do good work.

Oakland Lodge No. 9, Carman : I visited this Lodge on May 23, at a special meeting called at my request. There was a good attendance of officers and members. The W.·. M.·. being indisposed R.·. W.·. Bro. Frank D. Stewart kindly consented to exemplify the E. A. degree, which was conferred in a perfect manner. After a short interval for refreshments Bro. Stewart delivered the usual lecture on the Tracing Board.

Glenboro Lodge No. 48, Glenboro: I did not deem it necessary to visit this Lodge officially as I am one of its members and regularly attend its meetings. The Lodge I regret to say is not up to previous years in the manner of conferring degrees. The W.·. M.·. and S.·. W.·. are not proficient in their work but the J.·.W.·. performs his part well. The

financial standing of the Lodge is fairly good but it might be much better if the brethren were clear on the books. The books, I found upon examination, to be neatly and correctly kept. In closing my report I desire to extend to the brethren of this District my thanks for the cordial reception I have received at their hands and for the honor conferred in electing me to the responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master. I desire also to thank W.·. Bro. M. Skolrood for his kindness in accompanying me on my official visits.

Treherne Lodge No. 51, Treherne : I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting on May 3, 1895, but owing to the very wet weather prevailing several of the officers and a number of the brethren were not present. There being no work W.·. Bro. J. K. Robson exemplified the Master Mason's degree, Bro. W. C. Hicks being in the Senior Warden's chair. The work was performed in a very creditable manner. I examined the books of the Lodge and found the minute book neatly written up. I also made enquiries regarding the delay in transmiiting the half yearly report to the Grand Secretary's office and was informed that a former Secretary was at fault. This Lodge is in a fairly good condition financially, and arrangements are beingmade to secure a more commodious hall, the one occupied at present not being large enough.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. NOBLE,

D.D.G.M. District Number Three.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Four I respectfully report as follows :

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden : This Lodge has the largest membership of any in this District, there being 86 on the roll. On the occasion of my visit the E.A. and M.M. degrees were conferred by the W.M. and officers in an excellent manner. The general working of the Lodge is satisfactory. Although there is a slight decrease in membership it is in a prosperous condition. The fact that the Secretary is serving a second term is proof that the brethren recognize the importance of the office and appreciate Bro. A. A. Hobkirk's services.

Accepting the kind invitation of R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, I had an opportunity of inspecting the Freemasons' Hospital, and was astonished at the admirable arrangements provided for the accommodation of patients. I am informed that when the Government grant is received there will be nothing owing on account of maintenance, but there is still a debt of some two thousand dollars on the buildings. As this amount must come from the Craft, I am happy to say that the brethren of this District, realizing their joint responsibility with Belmont Lodge No. 13, are doing their best to assist in liquidating the amount.

Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Manitou : Owing to irregular train service I found it necessary to call an emergent meeting of this Lodge. I was agreeably surprised on my arrival at the Lodge room to find such a large number of brethren assembled, many of whom had come various distances up to ten miles. The W.·. M.·. and officers exemplified the work in the E. A. degree in a very satisfactory manner. The Lodge room is somewhat small, but the brethren look forward to new accommodations in the near future. While examining the books I discovered several breaches of the Constitution, and on enquiry I found that R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, had discovered the irregularities, and as the matter had been referred to you M.·. W.·. Sir, I will refrain from making any further remarks. The condition of this Lodge is fairly satisfactory, and I have no doubt that under the guidance of W.·. Bro. Rev. N. Hewitt, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bros. R. D. Foley and W. F. Ellis, it is bound to prosper. The Secretary's books are in perfect order, and are models of neatness.

Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain : This being my mother Lodge, I did not deem it necessary to visit it officially. This Lodge has one of the best fitted Lodge rooms in the District. It owns the building in which the meetings are held, and derives a yearly rental of four hundred dollars. Although showing no increase in membership, it is steadily prospering. It is clear of debt. Has paid out for distressed brethren and other charitable purposes $165, and has a surplus of $125. This Lodge has done what I wish all Lodges in the District could do, reduced its annual dues to two dollars. The officers of the Lodge are well up in the work. So far as I can find out there are only two non-affiliated Masons in its jurisdiction.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, Deloraine : Accompanied by ten brethren of Doric Lodge, No. 36, I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting in April, and we were right royally entertained. The W.·. M.·. was called away owing to sickness in his family. The E. A. Degree was

conferred on a candidate by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. E. Maynard, assisted by the officers of the Lodge, in an efficient manner.

This Lodge mourns the death of two of its members, W.·. Bro. A. C. McKay, and Bro. Wm. H. Daubney. Their loss is deeply regretted by the Lodge and the whole District in which they lived.

This Lodge is indebted to W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton, I. P. M., for many pleasant and profitable evenings. After the usual routine business is over, and there being no work, he delivers interesting lectures on Masonic subjects, and this naturally increases the interest of the members in the meetings. The Secretary's books are very satisfactory. This Lodge has followed the example of Belmont Lodge, No. 13, and elected its secretary for another term. Financially the Lodge is strong.

Killarney Lodge No. 50, Killarney: Again accompanied by brethren of Doric Lodge No. 36, I visited this Lodge at an emergent meeting on May 10th, 1895. The W.·. M.·. was away attending to his Parliamentary duties in Winnipeg, but his place was ably filled by W.·. Bro. James McNaughton, I. P. M. As a majority of the members reside at considerable distances in the country it was claimed that it was difficult to get a large attendance, but from the statistical report it will be seen that the average attendance is the largest, in proportion to the membership, of any lodge in the jurisdiction. This Lodge has suffered this year from internal dissensions but I was pleased to learn that the differences had been settled. Little work has been done but judging from the material of which this lodge is composed, I have no fears for its future.

The books of the Secretary's office are very correct but this Lodge has never had a "Historical Register." With only twelve dollars in its treasury a determined effort should be made to collect the seventy-six dollars of outstanding dues. The property of the Lodge should be insured.

I did not have an opportunity of seeing the degrees exemplified but as there are several Past Masters in regular attendance, who are thoroughly conversant with the work, I have no doubt this Lodge comes up to the standard in this respect.

Oriental Lodge No. 54, Melita: This Lodge is the youngest in the District but I consider it one of the most promising. Its membership shews an increase of four. I had an opportunity of seeing the M. M. degree conferred on a candidate, and I never saw the work more correctly given nor have I ever seen officers from the I. G. up so thoroughly posted in their respective duties. The books were very satisfactory. This Lodge has no debt, has about sixty dollars in its

treasury and its meetings are held in a neat and well furnished hall, which has been secured for its exclusive use. From the interest and enthusiasm displayed at the time of my visit, I predict for this Lodge, under the guidance of W.·. Bro. E. R. Redpath, W. M., assisted by the counsel of W.·. Bro. John Crerar, I. P. M., a bright future. There not having been sufficient Past Masters present at the installation of officers in December to confer the degree of P. M. on the W.·. Master, I with the assistance of R.·. W.·. Bro. J. E. Maynard, assisted by other P.·. Ms.·., conferred it at the time of my visit. This Lodge has no insurance on its property.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Although the increase in membership has been small yet I am pleased to state that, so far as I am able to judge, our Lodges show that the interest in the Craft is not abating. It will be seen upon an examination of the statistical report that a larger amount than usual has been paid out by the different Lodges for the relief of distressed brethren, showing that the Craft has not forgotten one of its fundamental principles.

The Secretaries, one and all, are careful and painstaking officers and are to be congratulated on the small amount of outstanding dues. With a membership of 246 the dues unpaid only total $546.65, which I think will compare favorably with any District under your jurisdiction. The work throughout the District is fairly well rendered by the principal officers, but the other officers from want of practice in many cases show total ignorance of it. I am of the opinion that great benefit would accrue to the Lodges if some regulations were enforced whereby it would be necessary for the W.·. M.·. elect to pass an examination before a duly qualified board to show that he is competent to confer the degrees. For often brethren are elected to that office and serve their term without being able to confer a degree, trusting to some Past Master of the Lodge to perform that duty for him. The success of the Lodge rests upon the W.·. M.·. and Wardens, and there is nothing that dampens the interest of members in the Lodge more than hearing the officers, one and all, unable to go through the ceremonies without prompting. A branch of the Past Masters' Association established at some central point in the District would help to increase the interest in the Craft. There are many zealous and well skilled brethren who would take an active part, and if Lodges of Instruction were held, at stated periods, the result would be of lasting benefit.

From the kind and hearty receptions met with, the brotherly feeling existing everywhere, and the interest and enthusiasm shown at every meeting I attended, and the absence of intoxicating liquors from

the refreshment tables, I must conclude that the condition of Masonry in this District is steadily improving and its tone becoming more elevated.

In conclusion I desire to thank R.·. W.·. J. E. Maynard, V.·. W.·. Bro. James Rae, W.·. Bro. J. S. Wilson and others for their kindness in accompanying me on my visits. I also desire to thank the brethren of this District for many courtesies extended to me, personally as well as officially.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. BAINE,

D.D.G.M. District Number Four.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Five, I respectfully report, as follows :

It gives me great pleasure to report that Masonry in District Number Five is in a healthy condition, that the several Lodges seem to have overcome the desire for members at all hazard and are paying strict attention to the character of candidates, and as a result the increase in membership, though small, is of the very best material. The three Lodges in this District are now in a very comfortable financial condition and freed from the fatiguing and distressing worry of making ends meet; the brethren are now devoting themselves to the real objects of the Craft. Much good has been done Masonry in this District through the friendly visits one to the other of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, of Minnedosa, and Corinthian Lodge No. 15, of Rapid City. On the occasion of these visits the utmost good feeling and fellowship is exhibited, and for weeks afterwards increased harmony and enthusiasm in Masonry is very marked among the brethren. I strongly recommend that these visits continue.

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, Minnedosa : On March 8th, 1895, accompanied by R.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. L. Stone, W.·. Bro. S. L. Head and several other members of Corinthian Lodge No. 15, I visited Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14. Owing to several causes only an average number were present. There was no degree work before the Lodge, and as I

was already acquainted with the proficiency of the officers, I asked for none. The books are correctly and neatly kept with the exception of the black book, which is not written up. Financially the Lodge is in good condition. Part of the proceedings of the evening was a beautiful exemplification, by actual practice, of the greatest of Masonic virtues, conveying to my mind in a most convincing manner, that the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge are not mere ritualists and followers of ceremony, but are possessed of the spirit of Masonry and endeavoring to live up to its principles.

Corinthian Lodge No. 15, Rapid City: On May 7, 1895, I visited, officially, Corinthian Lodge No. 15, of which I am a member and a regular attendant. The work for the evening was the F. C. degree, which was conferred in a very satisfactory manner, all the officers exhibiting a familiarity with the work that is only attained by steady and thorough practice. On the night of my visit the Secretary and Treasurer reported that the last payment on the mortgage had been made, so that the Lodge is now possessed of a fine building, free of debt, and a snug surplus of cash on hand. The books are correctly kept with the exception of the black book, which is not written up. M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, P. G. M., who is a member of this Lodge, though a resident of Brandon, was present and favored the Lodge with some very instructive and interesting remarks.

Birtle Lodge No. 39, Birtle: On April 2, 1895, accompanied by V.·. W.·. Bro. J. K. Patton and Bro. H. J. F. Coffin, I paid a visit to Birtle Lodge No. 39. The number present was fourteen, somewhat above the average attendance for the year. The small average attendance is accounted for by the fact that a number of the members reside at Russell, Shoal Lake and other places equally distant. The work of opening, closing and carrying on the business of the Lodge was well done by all the officers. A portion of the E. A. degree was exemplified, in which the W. M. displayed a most accurate and intelligent conception of the work, but he was not well supported by the other officers. The books are correctly kept but not according to the prescribed form. The black book and historical register are not written up. The Lodge meets in a rented room which is beautifully furnished. Its financial condition is good. Assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Lane, V.·. W.·. Bro. J. K. Patton and W.·. Bro. F. G. Lewis, I conferred the Past Master's degree upon the W. M. of the Lodge, W.·. Bro. Peter Duncan. There can be no doubt that the Lodge suffers on account of its isolation. There being no Lodges nearer than Minnedosa and Rapid City the interchange of visits is rendered almost impossible, a fact that must be detrimental in a negative sense at least; the impetus

to excel created by the presence of visitors is not, perhaps, the most worthy, but it is very effective in ensuring thorough practice. A new Lodge is about to be instituted at Russell, the proximity of which will, I am satisfied, result in much benefit to Birtle Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

R. T. BUTCHART,

D.D.G.M. District Number Five.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Six, I respectfully report as follows:

Kinistino Lodge No. 16, Prince Albert: I visited this Lodge officially on May 3, 1895, and as a member was a regular attendant at nearly all its meetings during the past year. I am glad to be able to report a marked progress during my year of office, not only in the routine work of the ritual but also what is of more importance, a better Masonic spirit. I can also report that by the care of the officers the financial position of the Lodge is improved and the debt greatly reduced. W.·. Bro. Joseph Coombs, W. M., and his officers are deserving of great credit for the masonic energy they have shown.

Battle Lodge No. 38, Battleford: I am sorry to say that I have not been able to visit Battle Lodge No. 38, owing to my somewhat hurried departure to England. I cannot, unhappily, report any great progress in this Lodge, in fact the members are having a hard struggle to keep up, as owing to their isolated positions they have no great opportunities of increase of members, but they are still hopefully struggling.

Before leaving this country and returning to England I would wish to bid my brother Craftsmen of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba "Good Bye." As an honorary member of Kinistino Lodge No. 16, I shall still be attached to this Grand Lodge and be only too happy to make myself useful should my services be required.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. F. YOUNG,

D.D.G.M. District Number Six.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Seven, I respectfully report as follows:

I regret very much that circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from making an official visit to each Lodge in the District. However, for the Western Lodges I procured an able substitute in the person of M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, P. G. M., who visited on my behalf the following Lodges: Brandon No. 19, Brandon; Glenwood No. 27, Souris; Lebanon No. 43, Virden; Oak Lake No. 44, Oak Lake; Hartney No. 52, Hartney.

I visited Carberry Lodge No. 29, on June 4, 1895, and found a good attendance. The books are well kept, the officers efficient and the work well done. This Lodge deplores the death of W.·. Bro. Alexander McIntosh of typhoid fever. He was interred with the honors of Masonry on June 7, 1895.

I thank the brethren for electing me to the office and regret I have not been able to render more services to the Lodges under my care and in a greater degree to have promoted the welfare of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

J. P. ANDERSON,
D.D.G.M. District Number Seven.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Eight, I respectfully report as follows:

I regret that I have not been able to visit each Lodge in District No. 8 this year. Owing to several prolonged journeys from home I found my time fully occupied.

Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 34, Qu'Appelle: I visited this Lodge on June 4th, 1895, when a good attendance was present. This Lodge

seems to be getting on well, and I am informed by the W. M., that several very pleasant re-unions have been held during the past year with adjacent sister Lodges, which have been a source of benefit to Masonry.

Moosomin Lodge No. 35, Moosomin : As I am a member of this Lodge and attend its meetings regularly, when I am at home, I have not visited officially, but am well acquainted with the working of this Lodge, and when now reporting must say that it is not progressing as it should, in fact it is almost at a standstill. During the past year a feeling has prevailed that the black ball is used for other than Masonic reasons, and after the rejection of a candidate in October, 1894, several members at once asked for their dimits and stated candidly that their reasons for withdrawing was on account of the injudicious use of the black ball. In January, 1895, a motion was introduced that the charter be surrendered to Grand Lodge, but after a prolonged debate was declared "lost." It is to be hoped that the unpleasant feeling will wear away and that harmony will again prevail.

Ashlar Lodge No. 47, Whitewood : I visited this Lodge on November 5th, 1894, and found a very good attendance of members present, and a good feeling prevailing amongst them. I examined the books and found them neatly and correctly kept.

Evening Star Lodge No. 57, Grenfell : On December 27, 1894, I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge in company with R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl, of Moosomin, and with whose assistance the Lodge was constituted, the officers installed and the Lodge room dedicated. I examined the books of the Secretary and found them in good order. This Lodge appears to be in a prosperous condition.

North West Mounted Police Lodge, U. D., Regina : During the past year application was made for a dispensation to form a new Lodge, the North West Mounted Police Lodge, at the Police Barracks, Regina. The dispensation was duly issued and the Lodge is now in a flourishing condition with a membership of twenty-eight.

On the whole it affords me much pleasure to report that Masonry in District Number Eight is promising.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren for electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. B. MURPHY,

D.D.G.M. District Number Eight.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Nine, I respectfully report as follows:

I must preface my report by expressing my regret at being unable to visit all the Lodges in my jurisdiction. I had arranged for a tour of inspection last December, but was unavoidably compelled to postpone my trip till March, and considerably curtail its extent.

Bow River Lodge No. 28, Calgary: I visited this Lodge officially on 18th March, 1895, and saw a candidate raised in a very able manner in the Canadian ritual. There was a large attendance, quite a number of Past Masters occupying the East. Taking this fact, and the skill, evinced by the officers, into consideration, it is needless to say that the work was well done. The Lodge is fortunate in having so many Past Masters and so painstaking a Secretary and though the financial affairs are not in such a good shape as they should be, matters generally appear to be in a satisfactory condition.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, Medicine Hat: This Lodge which though "so near" owing to force of circumstances remained yet "so far," I could not arrange to visit, but considering that the Grand Master is probably a member, and at any rate a constant visitor, I felt that any inspection I might make would be superfluous. The sum of "arrears of dues," however, is not creditable.

Alberta Lodge No. 37, Macleod: I visited this Lodge on March 20, 1895, and the M. M. degree was exemplified in an excellent and thorough manner, Canadian Ritual. I had occasion to reprimand this Lodge severely for continued delay in forwarding returns to the Grand Secretary, but extreme measures were happily averted by the energetic action of the W.·. M.·. A similar delay has occurred in forwarding me the statistical returns, which I have asked for, and which have reached me from Lodges further distant. Owing to this neglect I am unable to comment further on the affairs of the Lodge, than to report that on my official visit the financial matters were considerably "mixed." I was honored by a large attendance of brethren, many of whom had come nearly thirty miles from the surrounding country, thus exemplifying the interest taken in Masonic affairs in this section. Judging from the work I saw, the number of the brethren, and the material

ready to be advanced to the different offices, the Lodge is doubtless in a prosperous state.

North Star Lodge No. 41, Lethbridge: This Lodge is at present in "low water;" it suffered severely from fire and had no insurance. On the occasion of my visit there was a good attendance of members and E. A. degree was exemplified in a thorough manner by the W.·. M.·. in the York Rite. I had to draw the attention of the Secretary to the non-compliance with section 226, Sub-section 9 of the Constitution as to sending notices to the District Deputy Grand Master. Amendment was promised for the future and the promise fulfilled. The harmony of this Lodge is not as it should be and I impressed on the brethren the necessity of pulling together. With such a large and influential membership this Lodge should have no difficulty in regaining lost ground.

Cascade Lodge No. 42, Banff: This Lodge has not favored me with the statistical returns I asked for; I am therefore unable to say anything about its condition further than that the W.·. M.·., whom I had the pleasure of meeting, gave me a good account of its prospects. I was unable to visit this Lodge during my term of office.

Spitzie Lodge No. 45, Pincher Creek: I visited this Lodge on March 21, 1895. This is the third Lodge in the Northwest Territories on whose Charter I have the honor of having my name enrolled as a member. I saw the E. A. degree exemplified ably and thoroughly by the Senior Warden and other officers, the W.·. M.·. and I.·. P.·. M.·. being unavoidably absent at Calgary. The work was well done by all concerned and under such able and zealous officers, and with such excellent material to succeed the present incumbents this little Lodge has a bright future. The financial statement is the best in the District. Of the seven statistical reports I have received it is the only one with no arrears of dues. It heads the list with most paid for relief, and is thirty per cent ahead in balance on hand. The affairs of this Lodge are conducted in a businesslike and harmonious manner, and the Secretary is responsible for the first-class condition of the books. From circumstances with which I became acquainted, "quality, not quantity," appears to be the maxim, and Spitzie Lodge is evidently endeavoring to maintain the reputation of being the "Banner Lodge," the title bestowed upon it by the Grand Master in 1892.

Edmonton Lodge No. 53, Edmonton: I was extremely sorry not to visit this Lodge. The W.·. M.·. however gave me a very bright and hopeful account of the Lodge, and its affairs seem to be very satisfactory.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 56, Maple Creek: I installed the officers of this Lodge on October 22, 1894, and have since visited the Lodge. The officers take a great interest in their duties and its affairs are in a very satisfactory condition. There is at present no insurance on its property but the matter is to have attention at the next meeting. The financial state of the Lodge is good and the membership of good quality. One irregularity has to be made straight; ten names appear as Charter members, as noted in the statistical report, but there is no record of these brethren having dimitted. I am of the opinion that this Lodge will have to be prepared for a very small increase in membership until times improve, but I feel confident that while it may possibly stand still for a short time, it will not, in its present hopeful and bright circumstances, lose ground. The brethren deserve great credit for the shewing they can make, this the first year of the existence of this Lodge with a balance on hand in such capital proportion to the membership. Maple Leaf Lodge No. 56, though the youngest will, I have no doubt, eventually overtake some of its elder sisters in the jurisdiction.

Innisfail Lodge U.D., Innisfail, and Red Deer Lodge U.D., Red Deer: I could not devote time to visit these young Lodges and not having received their statistical returns in time I cannot say anything about them, except that from the fact of their having sent me regularly notices of meetings and thus conformed to the Constitution in one respect, they doubtless are carrying out the other provisions satisfactorily.

Perfection Lodge U.D., Calgary: Section 226 of the Constitution requires copies of notices of meetings to be sent to the District Deputy Grand Master. Prior to my visit to Calgary on March 18, 1895, no such notice reached me from this Lodge, therefore I was neither officially aware of the existence of such a Lodge nor did I know who the W.·.M.·. and Secretary might be. I had the pleasure of meeting the latter on my visit to Calgary, and upon his referring to my not visiting Perfection Lodge, I drew his attention to the Section of the Constitution referred to. He gave me to understand that the W.·. M.·. did not consider it necessary to send these notices to the District Deputy Grand Master claiming the practice did not obtain on "the other side." I pointed out that Perfection was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which body has its own Constitution. Ever since my visit I have not been favored with a single notice of meeting, which to say the least is discourteous. The books appeared to be fairly well kept except that I noticed that on some occasions the minutes of preceding meetings had not been signed by the W.·. M.·. at the succeeding regular meeting.

This way, however, may be another "Ancient Landmark" more honored in the breach than in the observance on "the other side."

Masonry is steadily advancing in this District. I would, however, suggest to the Lodges that more care be exercised in selecting candidates for initiation and affiliation. I would strongly urge upon the Grand Lodge that the time has now come to divide District Number Nine. Considering how widely separated the Lodges are and on different lines of travel, it is almost out of the question for a District Deputy Grand Master, in ordinary circumstances, to devote the time and money necessary for properly carrying out his visits. I would suggest that in future District Number Nine embrace Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, Alberta Lodge No. 37, North Star Lodge No. 41, Spitzie Lodge No. 45, Maple Leaf Lodge No. 56, (five Lodges,) and that District Number Ten embrace Bow River Lodge No. 28, Cascade Lodge No. 42, Edmonton Lodge No. 53, Innisfail, Red Deer and Perfection Lodges, (six Lodges).

In closing my report I desire to thank the Lodges concerned for honoring me by election to the office of District Deputy Grand Master and for the pleasant times I have enjoyed in their society.

Fraternally submitted,

M. H. WHITE-FRASER,

D.D.G.M. District Number Nine.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report, as follows :

JOHN MCKECHNIE, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A. M.

1894.				
Jan. 1.	To Current account Balance on hand.....			$ 593 33
May 31.	" Interest		2 20	
Aug 31.	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.....		37 40	
Nov. 30.	" Interest		65	
	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.....		500 00	
1895.				
Jan. 11.	" " " "		700 00	
" 31.	" " " "		300 00	
Mch. 30.	" " " "		976 33	
	" " " "		360 00	
	" " " "		128 57	
				3005 15
				$3598 48
	To Balance Current Account		1240 03	
1894.				
Jan. 1.	To Benevolent Account, balance on hand...		124 45	
May 31.	" Interest		1 05	
Nov. 30.	" "		1 24	
				126 74
				$ 126 74
	To Balance Benevolent Account.....		126 74	
1894.				
Jan. 1.	To Special Account, balance on hand.....			781 26
May 31.	" Interest		13 70	
Nov. 30.	" "		15 92	
				29 62
				$ 810 88
	To Balance Special Account.....		810 88	

1894.		Order No.	
Feb. 12.	By Current Account,		
	Wm G. Scott, Grand Secretary	562	175 00
Mch. 29.	The Ferguson Co	563	2 55
"	O'Loughlin Bros	564	17 75
"	Thos. W. Taylor	565	12 00
"	The Winnipeg Saturday Night Co	566	7 25
"	O'Loughlin Bros	567	15 75
"	Dominion Express Co	568	4 30
"	Bell & Clark	569	14 85
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	570	5 00
"	" " "	571	31 39
April 30.	" " "	572	175 00
"	" " "	573	100 00
Aug. 13.	The Ferguson Co	574	2 35
Dec. 31.	Secretary Ionic Lodge No. 25	575	10 00
"	Secretary Kinistino Lodge No. 16	576	10 00
"	Secretary Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	577	10 00
"	Winnipeg Saturday Night Co	578	71 25
"	Secretary Doric Lodge No. 36	579	10 00
"	James E. Steen	580	19 00
"	George Kenning	581	63 56
"	John McBride, Grand Tyler	582	25 00
"	D. J. Goggin	583	150 00
"	E. F. Hutchings	584	24 00
"	Bell & Clark	585	19 50
"	Remington Typewriter Agency	586	14 35
"	Thomas W. Taylor	587	2 25
"	Russell & Co	588	4 25
"	Winnipeg Saturday Night Co	589	7 00
"	Hart & McPherson	590	8 55
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	591	11 39
"	The Ferguson Co	592	13 05
"	James E. Steen	593	34 85
"	The Copp, Clark Co	594	70 25
"	Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.	595	87 55
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	596	99 15
"	" " "	597	118 68
"	McIntyre Bros	598	232 20

Dec. 31.	McIntyre Bros 599	236 10		
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.....600	443 33		
			2358 45	
	Balance.....		1240 03	
			$3598 48	
	By Balance Benevolent Account.....		126 74	
			$126 74	
	By Balance Special Account.		810 88	
			810 88	

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report, as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

It once more becomes my duty to submit a report pertaining to the business of my office, together with such facts, suggestions and recommendations as may be proper for the information and consideration of Grand Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS OF 1894.

I regret that an unusual delay occurred in printing the Proceedings of our last Annual Communication. Necessary papers did not reach me until a month after the close of our meeting, and as a consequence the work of printing was not executed until November 14th, 1894. On the morning of November 16th the entire edition, together with the library, and nearly all the other property of our Grand Lodge were destroyed by fire. A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was at once held, and the contract of printing a second edition of one thousand copies, was awarded to Messrs. McIntyre Bros. of Winnipeg. These were received on December 28th, and the usual number distributed as in previous years.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz :

East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna, Manitoba, constituted November 7th, 1894, by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. Thompson Black, District Deputy Grand Master.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, Maple Creek, Assiniboia, constituted October 22nd, 1894, by R.·. W.·. Bro. M. H. White-Fraser, District Deputy Grand Master.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, Grenfell, Assiniboia, constituted December 27th, 1894, by R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, District Deputy Grand Master.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, dispensations for the following new Lodges have been issued, viz :

June 12th, 1894, Innisfail Lodge, at Innisfail, Alberta, District Number 9, eight charter members :—Bro. John Simpson, W. Master ; Bro. Wm. A. B. Richards, Senior Warden ; Bro. George B. Knowles, Junior Warden. Instituted June 21st, 1894, by M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin.

June 15th, 1894, Red Deer Lodge, at Red Deer, Alberta, District Number Nine, seven charter members ; Robert M. Pardue, W. Master; Bro. Robert C. Brumpton, Senior Warden ; Bro. George W. Greene, Junior Warden. Instituted June 23rd, 1894, by M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin.

June 15th, 1894, Perfection Lodge, at Calgary, Alberta, District Number Nine, 14 charter members ; Bro. Isaac G. Van Wart, W. Master; Bro. Reginald N. Kirkpatrick, Senior Warden ; Bro. Thomas N. Christie, Junior Warden. Instituted June 26th, 1894, by R.·. W.·. Bro. N. J. Lindsay.

September 5th, 1894, North-West Mounted Police Lodge, at Regina, Assiniboia, District Number Eight, fourteen charter members ; Bro. Robert Belcher, W. Master ; Bro. John A. Martin, Senior Warden ; Bro. Murray H. E. Hayne, Junior Warden. Instituted October 1st, 1894, by M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin.

On November 10th, 1894, Bro. Frederick Smith was appointed Senior Warden, and Bro. Henry T. Ayre, Junior Warden, vice Bros. John A. Martin and Murray E. Hayne, who had removed from the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

A petition signed by thirteen brethren residing at Russell, Manitoba, District Number Five, has been received, praying for a dispensation to organize a Lodge at that village. All the requirements of the Constitution have been complied with except the payment of the fee ($25). On receipt of this amount a dispensation will at once issue.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held as follows :

At Regina, Assiniboia, on Tuesday, September 18th, 1894, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church (Anglican).

The ceremonies were performed by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master, assisted by M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, R.·. W.·. Bro. John A. Kerr, and others.

At Hartney, Manitoba, on Monday, June 10th, 1895, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Church, (Anglican). The ceremonies on this occasion were performed by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master, assisted by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, M.·. W.·. Bro. George F. Newcomb, and others.

REPRESENTATIVES

Near other Grand Lodges.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions to Representatives near other Grand Lodges have been issued from this office by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, as follows:

November 23rd, 1894.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles H. Stiles, of Burlington, near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

May 1, 1895.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Augustus M. Mayo, of Lake Charles, near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions for Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:

August 13th, 1894.—R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan, re-appointed for the triennial period ending January 1st, 1897.

September 5th, 1894.— V.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley, Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, vice W.·. Bro. John Stanley Hough.

January 1st, 1895.—M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, re-appointed.

January 1st, 1895.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander James Belch, from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, re-appointed.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master as follows:

1894.	No.	Name.	For What Granted.
June 15	..42	Cascade	To transact the business of the June regular at an emergent meeting.
15	.. 6	Emerson	To attend Divine Service.
15	.. 8	King Solomon	To attend Divine Service.
15	.. 9	Oakland	To attend Divine Service.
15	..43	Lebanon	To attend Divine Service.
15	..47	Ashlar	To attend Divine Service.
15	..32	Qu'Appelle Valley	To attend Divine Service.
July 10	..43	Lebanon	To hold a special installation.
25	..46	Wapananung	To attend Divine Service.
Nov. 23	.. 3	Ancient Landmark	To re-ballot on a rejected candidate.
Dec. 27	..37	Alberta	To wear regalia at a conversazione.
1895.			
Jan. 3	..51	Treherne	To hold a special installation.
5	..52	Hartney	To hold a special installation.
5	..49	Temple	To hold a special installation.
Feb. 6	..38	Battle	To hold a special installation.
April 18	..39	Birtle	To attend Divine Service.
25	..13	Belmont	To elect and instal a Junior Warden
June 1	..53	Edmonton	To attend Divine Service.
1	..54	Oriental	To attend Divine Service.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

On June 3rd, 1895, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master examined, revised and approved the By-Laws of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the amendments to the By-Laws of the following Lodges:

July 20, 1894—Moose Jaw, No. 26.
July 30, 1894—Bow River, No. 28.
Nov. 6, 1894—Oriental, No. 54.
Dec. 6, 1894—Bow River, No. 28.
Jan. 12, 1895—Lebanon, No. 43.
Feb. 18, 1895—Doric, No. 36.
April 4, 1895—Alberta, No. 37.
May 25, 1895—Alberta, No. 37.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

Notwithstanding the strict laws provided for the prompt transmission to this office of the half-yearly reports of Lodges, I have again to report that there have been the usual delays in this respect, and the errors found therein quite as numerous as in previous years. The

errors in a majority of cases are minor ones, but when no apparent effort is made to follow the explicit directions which accompany the blank forms, I deem it my duty to refer specially to each report, calling attention to the errors in each case, and giving credit where credit is due, to Lodges that have complied with our laws. I entertain hopes that this course will render errors less liable in future. Although many returns were late in reaching my hands, I have again to report that all have been received and all dues paid. The Constitution requires that correct returns shall be forwarded to this office immediately after June 24th and December 27th in each year. How far our laws have been complied with will be apparent from the following particulars recorded in the case of each Lodge :

No. 1.--June report received on July 31st. The Christian name of one member omitted, the name of another incorrectly reported, the date of initiation of an affiliated E. A. also omitted. December report received on January 9th and found correct.

No. 2.—June report received on August 17th, December report on March 22nd, both correct.

No. 3.—June report received on July 14th, December report on January 19th, both correct.

No. 4.—June report received on August 13th. Full Christian names of several members omitted, name of the former Lodge of a joining member not correctly entered.

No. 6.—June report received on July 4th, December report on January 21st, both correct.

No. 7.—June report received June 27th. Omits names of two F.C's. December report received on January 10th, and found correct.

No. 8.—June report received on August 8th, December report on January 8th, both correct.

No. 9.—June report received on July 13th, December report on February 8th, both correct.

No. 10.—June report received on July 12th. Omits one M.M. from list, also omits ages of two E.A's. December report received on March 12th, includes a member in list but omits to report how membership was acquired, drops name of one member from list and date of death of another.

No. 11.—June report received on August 9th. One Fellow Craft dropped from list without particulars, December report received on January 12th, work of previous half-year included therein.

No. 12.—June report received on August 12th. Date of joining of one member omitted, also date of withdrawal of one, drops name from list without showing how membership was terminated. December report was received on January 9th and found correct.

No. 13.—June report received on August 11th, December report on January 30th, both correct.

No. 14.—June report received on June 29th, recapitulation shows 57 members, names of 56 only entered. December returns received on January 15th and found correct.

No. 15.—June report received on August 1st, the name of a dimitted brother included in the list of officers, one Past Master omitted from list without particulars. December report received on January 10th and found correct.

No. 16.—June report received on August 8th. List of M.M's contains name of a brother formerly returned as F.C. without giving date of raising. December report received on January 22nd, full Christian name of joining member omitted.

No. 19.—June report received on August 14th. Names of two M.M's omitted from list without particulars as to how membership terminated. December report received on January 30th and found correct.

No. 23.—June report received on June 26th, no errors; December report received on January 25th, included names of two M.M's in list but dates when passed and raised are omitted.

No. 24.—June report received on June 27th, no errors; December report received on January 11th, one E.A. omitted from list.

No. 25.—June report received on August 8 th. Date of death of member incorrectly reported. December report received on January 21st, includes list of 1894 officers instead of those of 1895.

No. 26.—June report received on July 20th. Number of Lodge of joining member omitted, name of member included in list of officers, also in list of M.M's; December report received on January 14th, work done in previous half-year included, omits date when one brother received the F.C. degree.

No. 27.—June report received on July 13th, no errors; December report received on January 9th, omits one P.M. from list.

No. 28.—June report received on June 28th; December report on January 29th, both correct.

No. 29.—June report received on June 26th; December report on January 15th, both correct.

No. 30.—June report received on August 14th, no errors ; December report received on February 18th, one F.C. omitted from list.

No. 31.—June report received on July 17th ; December report on February 19th, both correct.

No. 32.—June report received on July 12th. Names of two members included in list of officers and again in list of Master Masons, two M.M's omitted from list. December report received on February 5th, no errors.

No. 33.—June report received on June 30th. Errors and omissions too numerous to refer to in detail. December report received on February 28th, date of death of one member omitted.

No. 34.—June report received on September 24th ; December report on January 30th, both correct.

No. 35.— June report received on July 12th. Date of joining of of one member incorrectly reported ; December report received on February 20th, list of 1894 officers included instead of 1895.

No. 36.—June report received on July 7th ; December report on January 3rd, both correct.

No. 37.—June report received on November 17th, numerous errors; December report received on April 1st, Christian name of one member incorrectly reported, work done in previous half-year included.

No. 38.—June report received July 4th, Christian names of several members incorrectly reported; December report received on March 20th, numerous errors.

No. 39.—June report received on July 12th: December report received on January 22nd, both correct.

No. 40.—June report received on July 7th ; December report received January 9th, both correct.

No. 41.—June report received June 29th ; December report received January 8th, both correct.

No. 42.—June report received June 29th, no errors; December report received on January 25th, name of joining member incorrectly reported.

No. 43.—June report received on August 28th. Age of joining member omitted, and Christian names of several members incorrectly reported. December returns received January 30th, no errors.

No. 44.—June report received on September 24th ; December report received February 13th, both correct.

No. 45—June report received on June 29th. Two E.A's omitted from list; December report received on January 19th, no errors.

No. 46.—June report received on July 8th. Christian names in full of several members omitted. December report received on January 8th, no errors.

No. 47.—June report received on July 2nd, Christian names of several members omitted; December report received on January 17th, Christian name in full of one member omitted, entries made with pencil.

No. 48.—June report received on July 18th; December report received on January 18th, both correct.

No. 49.—June report received on July 3rd; December report received on January 21st, both correct.

No. 50.—June report received on July 13th. Names of brethren previously reported as dimitted included in list of members. Numbers of former Lodges of joining members omitted, one member less than actual number reported. December report received on February 25th, name of former Lodge of joining member omitted.

No. 51.—June report received on November 5th, Christian names of officers omitted. December report received on March 25th, no errors.

No. 52.—June report received on July 12th, no errors; December report received on January 25th, one Past Master omitted from list, date of passing and raising of one member also omitted.

No. 53.—June report received on June 30th; December report received on January 19th, both correct.

No. 54.—June report received on June 28th. Two E.A's and one F. C. included in list of members, but age, occupation and residence in each are omitted, reports work done in previous half year; December report received on January 21st, no errors.

No. 55.—December report received March 16th, no errors.

No. 56.—December report received January 25th, numerous errors.

No. 57.—December report received January 30th, several errors.

CERTIFICATES OF STANDING.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Certificates of Standing were issued on April 5th, 1895, to Brothers James Ingram, James Kernahan, and Daniel E. Noyes. These brethren were members of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17, at the date of the surrender of its charter.

FINANCIAL.

The books and accounts of the Grand Lodge were closed on Dec. 31st, 1894, on which date the amounts at the credit of the several accounts were as follows:

General Account	$1240 03
Special Account	810 88
Benevolent Account	126 74

Since the close of the fiscal year warrants on the General Account, amounting to $522.77 have been issued, leaving a balance of $17.76 at the credit of this account. The receipts for the year, after deducting $700 for insurance on the library, etc., amounted to $2,302.30, being a decrease of $230.34 from those of the previous year. The usual statement of the receipts and expenditures has been printed and distributed as in previous years.

STATISTICAL.

The returns of the various Lodges show a small increase during the year ending December 27th, 1894. The following statistics have been compiled from the reports received:

No. of members December 27th, 1894		2279
Initiated	154	
Passed	159	
Raised	166	
Joined	113	
Restored	12	279
		2558
Dimitted	143	
Suspended U.M.C	2	
Suspended N.P.D	66	
Died	13	
Rejected	28	224
No. of members December 27th, 1894		2334
Increase		55

RAILWAY RATES.

I am pleased to report that liberal arrangements have been made with the various railway companies for reduced rates of fare to those in attendance at this Communication. I would recommend that the courtesies extended be acknowledged by appropriate resolutions.

VISIT TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

After the close of our last Annual Communication I had the pleasure, in company with R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh U. Bain, Grand Junior Warden and other brethren, of visiting the sister Jurisdiction of British Columbia. From the time we entered the Province until our departure we received unbounded kindness from the brethren there.

On June 22nd, 1895, we visited the Grand Lodge in session at New Westminster, when we received a hearty welcome. M.·. W.·. Bro. R. B. McMicking, Grand Master, extended us a cordial welcome, and expressed on behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge, the kindest and most fraternal feelings towards the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and referred to the pleasure it gave him in welcoming for the first time visitors from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

After the close of the session of the Grand Lodge a banquet was given in our honor at the Gluichon Hotel, when we were entertained with a truly Masonic hospitality.

It would be difficult for me to name all the brethren from whom we received so many acts of kindness, but I must refer specially to M.·. W.·. Bro. R. B. McMicking, Grand Master, R.·. W.·. Bro. Lacey C. Johnston, Deputy Grand Master, R.·. W.·. Bro. W. J. Quinlan, Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Bro. J. S. Clute, P.G.M., and M.·. W.·. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, P.G.M. These brethren and others at the various centres of population that we visited would have "transformed their Province into a Garden of Eden for our enjoyment had their power been equal to their will."

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. John H. Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from January 1st, 1894, to December 31st, 1894.

No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$77 05
2.	Lisgar	40 00
3.	Ancient Landmark	118 00
4.	St. John's	73 75
6.	Emerson	24 25
7.	Assiniboine	63 25
8.	King Solomon	19 75
9.	Oakland	41 95
10.	Northern Light	41 75
11.	Gladstone	21 00
12.	Stonewall	15 00
13.	Belmont	47 00
14.	Prince of Wales	38 75
15.	Corinthian	17 50
16.	Kinistino	34 00
19.	Brandon	57 50
23.	Wascana	65 75
24.	Neepawa	16 75
25.	Ionic	76 25
26.	Moose Jaw	46 20
27.	Glenwood	16 50
28.	Bow River	67 00
29.	Carberry	18 50
30.	Manitou	31 10
31.	Medicine Hat	39 25
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	23 50
33.	Indian Head	28 50
34.	Qu'Appelle	12 25
35.	Moosomin	30 95
36.	Doric	52 75
37.	Alberta	50 75
38.	Battle	14 50
39.	Birtle	30 25
40.	Deloraine	31 50
41.	North Star	55 00
42.	Cascade	48 45
43.	Lebanon	33 75
44.	Oak Lake	25 00
45.	Spitzie	30 85
46.	Wapananung	21 40
47.	Ashlar	15 50
48.	Glenboro	59 25
49.	Temple	10 00
50.	Killarney	14 95
51.	Treherne	33 95
52.	Hartney	28 00
53.	Edmonton	48 20
54.	Oriental	42 00
55.	East Star	69 45
56.	Maple Leaf	89 70
57.	Evening Star	85 90
U.D.	Innisfail	25 00
U.D.	Red Deer	25 00
U.D.	Perfection	25 35
U.D.	N. W. Mtd. Police	25 00
Other Sources :—		
	Extinct Lodges	6 00
	Blank Books and Forms	94 60
	Printing	7 25
	Phœnix Insurance Co., of Hartford	700 00
		$3002 30

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

Initiations	$ 310 00	Dispensations	114 00
Dues	1123 75	By-Laws	19 40
Certificates	333 00	Extinct Lodges	6 00
Past Masters' Certificates	25 00	Fixtures	66 90
Life Membership Fees	10 00	Library Fixtures	70 74
Life Membership Certificates	75	Library	510 09
Blank Books and Forms	226 87	Constitutions	53 55
Charters	125 00	Printing	7 25
			$3002 30

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CASH STATEMENT.

Moneys received by the Grand Secretary and paid over to the Grand Treasurer from January 1st to December 31st, 1894.

DR.		*CR.*	
1894.		1894.	
Dec. 31. To Receipts	$3002 30	Aug. 31. By Grand Treas.	$37 40
		Nov. 30. " "	500 00
		Dec. 31. " "	700 00
		" " "	300 00
		" " "	976 33
		" " "	360 00
		" " "	128 57
	$3002 00		$3002 30

YEARLY STATEMENT.

DECEMBER 31st, 1894.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$74 00
Charters	15 50
Certificates	279 90
Dues	1123 75
Initiations	310 00
Life Membership Fees	10 00
Past Masters' Certificates	17 00
Extinct Lodges	6 00
Benevolent Fund	53 20
Interest	34 76
Nett Loss	586 61

LOSSES.

Constitutions	68 76	
Life Membership Certificates	20 05	
Expense	112 92	
Printing	497 15	
Books and Stationery	115 00	
Blank Books and Forms	44 52	
Fixtures	30 68	
Postage	116 35	
Library	428 15	
Rent	87 55	
Telegrams	12 24	
Salaries	700 00	
By-Laws	3 70	
Insurance	30 75	
Library Fixtures	60 10	
Special Grants	175 00	
Regalia	7 80	
	$2,510 72	2,510 72

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Librarian presents his Ninth Annual Report as follows :

A few days after the fire of November 16th, 1894, which destroyed the Library and nearly all the other property of the Grand Lodge, I addressed a letter to the Grand Secretary of each of our sister Grand Lodges, and to other brethren at home and abroad, advising them of our loss, and invoking their assistance, in as far as possible, repairing it. The responses were most prompt and gratifying, each mail and express bringing donations until at the present time our vault is filled with a valuable collection of Masonic and other books. A catalogue containing a list of these donations will be published at the earliest date possible, and the names of the donors will appear therein.

DONATIONS.

Our thanks are due to the following brethren for books donated to the Library :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Daniel Spry, London, Ont.
" " " Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Ontario.
R. " " T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
" " " Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
" " " Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, Washington.
" " " Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Montana.
" " " Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington, Illinois.
" " " Charles Inglesby, Charleston, South Carolina.
" " " Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond, Virginia.
" " " J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Quebec.
" " " J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Ontario.
" " " Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Minnesota.
" " " E. C. Parmelee, Denver, Colorado.
" " " Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Vermont.
" " " W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, British Columbia.
" " " Rev. W. Ronaldson, Auckland, New Zealand.
" " " Wm. Ross, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

R.·. W.·. Bro. George J. Roskruge, Tuscan, Arizona.
" " " Thomas Sargant, Toronto, Ontario.
" " " F. J. Thompson, Fargo, North Dakota.
" " " John D. Vincil, St. Louis, Missouri.
" " " A. H. Wolihin, Macon, Georgia.
" " " John Watson, Houston, Texas.
" " " B. Wilson Higgs, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
" " " E. M. L. Ehlers, New York City.
" " " H. B. Grant, Louisville, Kentucky.
" " " Geo. W. Atkinson, Wheeling, West Virginia.
" " " J. H. Barlow, Hartford, Connecticut.
" " " Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Illinois.
" " " Benjamin F. Bartram, Wilmington, Delaware.
" " " Stephen Berry, Portland, Maine.
" " " Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, New South Wales.
" " " J. K. Brydon, Rat Portage, Ontario.
" " " W. R. Bowen, Omaha, Nebraska.
" " " E. C. Blackmar, Burlington, Iowa.
" " " R. C. Brown, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
" " " J. P. Anderson, Carberry, Manitoba.
" " " C. N. Bell, Winnipeg.
M. " " Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Winnipeg.
" " " Rev. S. P. Matheson, Winnipeg.
R. " " J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
" " " John Leslie, Winnipeg.
" " " John McGuirl, Moosomin, Assiniboia.
" " " H. W. Stannard, Chicago, Illinois.
" " " Thomas Robinson, Winnipeg.
" " " J. W. Harris, Winnipeg.
" " " James Henderson, Winnipeg.
" " " John Chambers, Winnipeg.
" " " John Chapman, Torquay, England.
" " " J. Franklin Boyd, Minnedosa, Manitoba.
" " " J. D. Baine, Boissevain, Manitoba.
" " " R. T. Butchart, Rapid City, Manitoba.
" Alexander Bowman, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.
" William Braden, Winnipeg.
" H. H. Campkin, Indian Head, Assiniboia.
" S. T. Handscomb, Winnipeg.
" John W. Kennedy, Winnipeg.
" F. P. Welsh, Winnipeg.

Our thanks are also tendered to Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chicago, for copies of the Proceedings of that Grand Body.

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED.

The following Lodges have supplied copies of the Proceedings of our own Grand Lodge:

Ancient Landmark, No. 3, Winnipeg.
Assiniboine, No. 7, Portage la Prairie.
Battle, No. 38, Battleford.
Brandon, No. 19, Brandon.
Bow River, No. 28, Calgary.
Corinthian, No. 15, Rapid City.
Doric, No. 36, Boissevain.
Glenboro, No. 48, Glenboro.
Indian Head, No. 33, Indian Head.
North Star, No. 41, Lethbridge.
Oakland, No. 9, Carman.
Oriental, No. 54, Melita.
Prince of Wales, No. 14, Minnedosa.
Qu'Appelle Valley, No. 32, Fort Qu'Appelle.
Spitzie, No. 45, Pincher Creek.
St. John's, No. 4, Winnipeg.
Stonewall, No. 12, Stonewall.
Temple, No. 49, McGregor.

BOOKS PURCHASED.

The following books have been purchased during the past year:

"Echoes from the Rocky Mountains,"	1 vol.
"Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence," by Henry Robertson	1 "
"History of Freemasonry," by R. F. Gould	3 "
"Freemasonry in New Brunswick," by Wm. F. Bunting	1 "
"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa"	14 "
"Proceedings of the Great Priory K. T. of Canada, 1855 to 1871	1 "
"History of the North-West," by Alex. Begg	3 "

RECOMMENDATION.

I would recommend that the unexpended balance of the Insurance Fund ($450) be devoted to the purchase of books, and the binding of proceedings and periodicals.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

The following publications are being regularly received, for which our thanks are again tendered to the publishers:

"The Citizen," Ottawa. Daily Edition.
"The Telegram," Toronto. Daily Edition.
"The Montreal Herald." Daily Edition.
"The Manitoba Free Press." Daily Edition.
"The Selkirk Herald."
"The Perth (Ontario) Courier.
"The Colonist," Winnipeg.
"The Western World," Winnipeg.
"The Nor'-West Farmer," Winnipeg.
"The Portage la Prairie Review."
"The Rat Portage Record."
"The Weekly News Advertiser," Vancouver, B.C. Supplied by Bro. J. W. Prescott.
"The Voice of Masonry," Chicago.
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco, California.
"The Canadian Craftsman," Toronto.
"The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"The Royal Craftsman," Plainfield, New Jersey.
"The Masonic Guide," Birmingham, Alabama.
"Masonic Chronicle," New York.
"Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Indiana.
"The Texas Freemason," San Antonio, Texas.
"The Orient," Kansas City, Missouri.
"The Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.
"The Australian Keystone."
"The South Australian Freemason."

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro.·. D.·. J.·. Goggin (10), the Report of the Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:

At a regular meeting held at Banff, Alberta, on June 14th, 1894, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson was elected President, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell Vice-President. At the same meeting the various Committees were elected and appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Your Board very much regret to report that owing to the fire at the Western Canada Block, in the City of Winnipeg, on November 16th, 1894, the Library, the Minute Books of Grand Lodge and of the Board of General Purposes, and the various Committees, together with all the property of the Grand Lodge, except the Membership Registers, were destroyed. Immediate steps were taken by the Grand Secretary by communicating with brethren at home and abroad to lay the foundation of a new Library, and your Board is pleased to learn that his efforts in that direction have met with great success.

In consequence of the fire it was found necessary to print a second edition of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge for 1894, and also to procure a stock of blank books and stationery. The entire stock of Constitutions having also been destroyed, your Board requested the Grand Master to appoint a Committee on Revision before procuring a new supply. The request was complied with, and the report of the Committee will be presented at this Communication.

Your Board is pleased to report that the sum of seven hundred dollars has been received from the Phœnix Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, being amount of insurance on books and Library furniture.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication a suitable testimonial has been procured for M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, and your Board recommends that the same be presented to him at this Communication.

At the last Annual Communication your Board was instructed to procure a set of Masonic clothing for the Deputy Grand Master, the same to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Your Board has been unable to carry out these instructions, but would recommend that Masonic clothing for the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer be procured during the current year.

Your Board is of the opinion that the interests of Masonry would be subserved by the incorporation of the Grand Lodge in the North-West Territories, and it would recommend that the necessary steps be taken to secure this incorporation by the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, and that the expenses of same be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge.

Your Board recommends that suitable rooms be obtained from the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg for the Grand Secretary's office and Library. The total cost in accordance with the offer of the President, to be two hundred dollars per annum.

Your Board has considered and adopted the reports of the several Committees.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire at this session of Grand Lodge :—

R.·. W.·. Bro.	R. W. Woodroofe,		R.·. W.·. Bro.	James A. Payne,
" " "	W. C. Copeland,		" " "	John Leslie,
" "	J. Thompson Black,		" "	Thos. W. Taylor,
" "	Thomas W. Leggo,		" "	Alex. A. Aird.

Owing to the removal from the Jurisdiction of W.·. Bro. Nelson R. Wessel, a vacancy in the Board has occurred, and it will be necessary to elect a successor for the unexpired term.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M. :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report as follows :

Two meetings have been held during the past year. At a meeting held on August 20th, 1894, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson was elected Chairman for the current year.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution have been considered by your Committee, and nothing found therein at variance with Masonic law or usage.

At the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, decision number one of the Grand Master fully set out in his annual address (see Proceedings of 1894, Vol. III, part 5, page 480), was referred to your Committee. At a meeting held March 12th, 1895, the decision referred to was fully considered, and the following resolution was adopted :

"In reference to decision number one, of M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, Grand Master, as contained in his address to Grand Lodge, this Committee, without consideration of the question of prerogative, is of the opinion that there is no power under the Constitution for one Lodge to confer the degree of Entered Apprentice at the request of another Lodge, and it is further the opinion of this Committee that such degree can only be conferred by the Lodge to which the petition for initiation was presented, and by which the petitioner was accepted."

Your Committee has not been called upon to adjudicate upon any appeals. This may be accepted as evidence of the harmonious and brotherly feelings existing in this Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

In amendment it was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. John H. Bell (3), That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be referred back with instructions to amend same by adding after the word "accepted" the following: "but that the action of the Grand Master in the special circumstances was advisable and is approved."

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "carried."

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as amended, was (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry in this jurisdiction begs leave to report:

That the reports received from the District Deputy Grand Masters are of an encouraging nature. To quote therefrom shortly: No. 1 says: "Suitable progress has been made." No. 3: "Continues in a satisfactory condition. No. 4: "Interest not abating." No. 5: "Condition healthy." No. 6: "Marked progress." No. 7: "Good work done." No. 8: "On the whole, prospering." No. 9: "Steadily advancing."

Analyzing these reports your Committee would observe that there are District Deputy Grand Masters who have conscientiously performed their duties as far as possible, and whose reports give evidence of care in their preparation. There are those, however, where haste has forbidden due attention to be paid either to matter or form. It should be impressed on brethren who look forward to the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master, that there are duties inseparable from the office that may not be ignored, and that dereliction therefrom will not readily be condoned by Grand Lodge.

Your Committee observes with satisfaction that the Lodges generally have obeyed the instructions to insure, which your Committee, last year, recommended. One Lodge, North Star, No. 41, has, however, suffered through neglect, and is in consequence in a "bad" condition financially. It is to be hoped, as expressed by the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 9, that "with such a large and influential membership this Lodge should have no difficulty in regaining lost ground."

It is very satisfactory to note that the Lodges generally, but especially in District No. 4, have carried into effect, in a marked manner, that well known principle so fully inculcated in the E. A. degree. It is also satisfactory to gather that quality, right character, men of thoroughly good report are being received as material, and that there is "no haste to be rich" in numbers only. Both of these features cannot, in the opinion of your Committee, be too highly regarded. The question of arrearages of dues seems to affect a large number of Lodges, though it is gratifying to find some honorable exceptions. Your Committee hopes that District Deputy Grand Masters will endeavor to stimulate the brethren in their several Districts to forget their apathy in this direction, and remove as soon as possible any ground of complaint.

The attention of your Committee is called to the fact of Masters of Lodges being unable to confer all the degrees. While with the presence of thoroughly qualified I. P. M's in the Lodge it may not be absolutely necessary, yet it should be the care and pride of every W.M. to become perfect, and evince to the brethren that he has devoted, and does devote, some other time to his work than that set apart for meetings. In fact your Committee thinks that it should be a rule that every W.M., before installation, should give evidence of qualification. Cognate to this subject, the attention of your Committee has been drawn to the carelessness of some W. Masters in conferring degrees. Your Committee would impress upon Masters of Lodges the importance of

adhering strictly to the Ritual, of aiming at a perfect knowledge thereof, both of the esoteric and the mere verbal meaning, and lastly, that each W. M. should cultivate a dignified, and therefore impressive, form of delivery.

The social aspect of Masonry is evinced by the contrast of these Lodges and Districts where visitations prevail, and where, on the other hand, there is isolation. Your Committee believes that these visitations of Lodge to Lodge, and of brethren from other Lodges, very materially aid and help forward those who receive as well as those who visit. The principle could, with great benefit, be extended to private visits among the brethren.

Your Committee regrets that Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, has "a wolf in the fold." Your Committee has, it is trusted, only to call attention to the fact to have a remedy applied. It should be the more deeply regretted inasmuch as "outsiders" are aware of the fact, and appear to know the cause. The introduction of elements foreign to Masonry, into the working of the ballot, is subversive of its fundamental principles, and heavy visitation should follow the discovery. "Verbum sapienti sufficit."

Your Committee regrets the departure from the jurisdiction of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles F. Young, Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6. Your Committee feels that Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, of which Bro. Young is an honorary member, and the Craft generally in this jurisdiction, will always have a warm feeling for our distinguished brother.

Your Committee would direct special attention to the recommendation of R.·. W.·. Bro. M. H. White-Fraser, D.D.G.M., to divide District No. 9, leaving Lodges Nos. 37, 41, 45 and 56 in this District, and forming No. 10 with Lodges Nos. 28, 42, 53, Innisfail, U.D., Red Deer, U.D., and Perfection, U.D.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

MONEY GRANTS.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), the following appropriations were made and their payment authorized :

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 10 00
Portrait of late M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Clark	50 00
Grant to Library	100 00
Printing Proceedings of 1895	200 00
Printing Constitutions	225 00

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 11.30 o'clock p.m., until Thursday, June 13th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13th, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the Report of the Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence begs leave to report : That owing to the destruction by fire of nearly all the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and the resultant confusion, it has been found impossible to prepare a report as directed by Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. W. A. Windatt, Chairman of the Committee on Finance presented the report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M. :

Your Committee on Finance begs to report that the receipts for the year ending December 31st, 1894, were $3,002.30, interest $2.85, making a total of $3,005.15. This amount, with the balance on hand of $593.33, at the beginning of the year, makes a grand total of $3,598.48. After deducting the expenditure for the year, amounting to $2,358.45, the balance on hand at the close of the year amounts to $1,240.03. There is also a balance of $810.88 at the credit of the Special Account.

Your Committee trusts that the several necessary expenditures made during the year will meet with the approval of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. WINDATT,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity herewith submits its Annual Report as follows:

Only one application for relief has been before your Committee during the past year,—that of a widow of a deceased member of Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, to whom the sum of $25.00 was paid. The balance now at the credit of the Benevolent Fund account is $101.74.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS W. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation begs leave to report that it has examined the books and the petitions for charters, as required by the Constitution, of the following Lodges U.D.

INNISFAIL LODGE, INNISFAIL, ALBERTA.

Dispensation issued June 14th, 1894. Instituted June 21st, 1894. Has held ten regular meetings and three emergent meetings. Initiated 5, passed 5, raised 4. Total number of members at the date of this report 13. Balance of cash on hand $16.30. Has no debt. Returns found correct.

At a meeting held on June 21st, 1894, no mention is made in the petition for initiation of the necessary fees accompanying the same.

At a meeting held on July 19th, 1894, no reference is made of the reading and confirming of minutes of the previous meeting.

At a meeting held on August 16th, 1894, Bros. H. M. Douglas, Samuel C. Currie and John A. Wilson, were passed to the Fellow Craft degree. No mention is made that they had been previously examined as to their proficiency in the E.A. degree.

At an emergent meeting held on June 26th, 1894, no mention is made of the object for which it is called, or if the necessary notice had been given.

The minutes of several regular meetings omit to say if the minutes of the previous meetings had been confirmed. This is very irregular.

In the minutes of the meeting of November 15th, 1894, an entry appears that "C. G. Ross was ordered to be elected as a Fellow Craft." Your Committee assumes that the entry should read that he was *passed* to that degree.

In the minutes of meeting held December 20th, 1894, there is no reference to the Lodge having been closed.

In the minutes of an emergent meeting, held April 15th, 1895, a motion was adopted that a charge for unmasonic conduct be preferred by the W. M. against Bro. H. B. Brashier. The W. M. of a Lodge cannot prefer a charge against a brother. This should be done by the Junior Warden at the direction of the W. M.

At a regular meeting held on April 18th, 1895, it is recorded that the Lodge declined to confer the F. C. degree on a brother because he had not passed the proper examination. This is most praiseworthy on the part of the Lodge, and shows a proper care for the material which it introduces into Masonry.

The minutes of the subsequent meetings of this Lodge show greater care and attention, and an earnest desire to comply with the provisions of the Constitution.

RED DEER LODGE, RED DEER, ALBERTA.

Dispensation issued on June 15th, 1894. Instituted June 23rd, 1894. Has held 7 regular meetings. Initiated 2, passed 2, raised 1. Total number of members at the date of this report, 10. Balance of cash on hand $22.44. Has the necessary books, and returns are correct.

The minutes of a regular meeting, July 18th, 1894, shows that the Lodge was closed in the F.C. and M.M. degrees prior to the initiation of a candidate. The Lodge was then closed in the E.A. degree. The Lodge should have suspended labor in the M.M. degree, opened in the E.A. degree, and after the ceremony of initiation had been performed, opened again in short form, in the M.M. degree, and afterwards regularly closed in the M.M., F.C. and E.A. degrees.

At the regular meeting held August 15th, 1894, the Lodge was closed in the M.M. and F.C. degrees, preparatory to the conferring of the F.C. degree upon a candidate, and the Lodge was afterwards closed in the F.C. and E.A. degrees. In this case labor should have been suspended in the M.M. and F.C. degrees, opened in the first degree, the candidate examined as to his proficiency, the Lodge then opened in the F.C. degree, the candidate passed, the Lodge opened in the M.M. degree and regularly closed in the three degrees. The minutes of this meeting are not signed by the Secretary nor confirmed by the W.M.

At a meeting held on October 17th, 1894, the Lodge was opened in the E.A. and F.C. degrees, and a candidate examined prior to being raised to the M.M. degree. The Lodge should have been opened in the E.A., F.C. and M.M. degrees, the minutes of the previous meeting

then read and confirmed. Labor should have been suspended in the M.M. degree, then opened in the F.C. degree, and the examination proceeded with.

The minutes of the Lodge do not show a careful attention to the form of minutes contained in the appendix to the Constitution, and the W.M. and Secretary are requested to pay more attention to the form in future.

The general working of the Lodge, however, shows that the brethren take an interest in the Craft, and are no doubt anxious and desirous to advance the welfare of Masonry in the Lodge.

PERFECTION LODGE, CALGARY, ALBERTA.

Dispensation issued on June 15th, 1894. Has held 12 regular meetings and 1 emergent meeting. Initiated 2, passed 2, raised 2, affiliated 3. Total number of members at the date of this report, 25. Balance of cash on hand, $4.70. Has the necessary books, and submits a correct report.

At a meeting held on November 26th, 1894, R.·. W.·. Bro. A. W. F. Cooper, was elected an honorary member. This is irregular, as no brother can be elected an honorary member of a Lodge under dispensation.

In the minutes of the meeting December 24th, 1894, there is no record of the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed. There is no mention in the minutes that the necessary fees accompanied the various applications for initiation.

The minutes of this Lodge, however, have been well kept, and evince care on the part of the Secretary. The work of the Lodge also seems to have been ably looked after by the W. Master.

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE LODGE, REGINA.

Dispensation issued on September 5th, 1894. Instituted October 1st, 1894. Has held nine regular, and two emergent meetings. Initiated 6, passed 6, raised 3. Total number of members at the date of this report, 25. Balance of cash on hand, $36.17. Has the necessary books, and submits a correct report.

An examination of the minute book shows that the rough minutes were not read at the close of each meeting. It is recorded that the Lodge closed in harmony. It should be recorded that the Lodge closed in the M.M., F.C. and E.A. degrees respectively.

On March 7th, 1895, a resolution was adopted requesting Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert, to initiate a candidate balloted for and

accepted in this Lodge. This is irregular, as one Lodge cannot confer the E.A. degree at the request of another Lodge. The Constitution provides that only the F.C. and M.M. degrees can be conferred by request.

At a meeting held on April 10th, 1895, a candidate for further advancement was examined prior to the Lodge being opened in the M.M. degree. The Lodge should have been opened in the E.A., F.C. and M.M. degrees, the minutes then read, after which labor should have suspended in the M.M. degree, and a Lodge of F.C's opened for the purpose of the examination of the brother.

Excepting the foregoing irregularities the minutes of this Lodge have been very carefully kept. It is evidenced by the work of the Lodge that the W. Master and his officers are well skilled, and that they take a great interest in the affairs of the Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that charters be issued to the following Lodges:

Innisfail Lodge, No. 58, Innisfail, Alberta.....District No. 9.
Red Deer Lodge, No. 59, Red Deer, Alberta ..... " " 9.
Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary, Alberta ..... " " 9.
North-West Mounted Police Lodge, No. 61, Regina, Assa. " " 8.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee desires to thank the Grand Master for the cordial welcome extended to the brethren, and are pleased to see such a large

assembly at this Annual Communication. We sincerely join in the good wishes expressed by him for the future prosperity of our Grand Lodge, now entering upon the third decade of its existence. It is fitting to remind the brethren that the Grand Master was a member of the Expeditionery Force, which came to the Canadian Northwest in the year 1870, under the command of Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley (now Lord Wolseley). The force included many devoted followers of Masonry, and to their zeal and energy is largely due the present prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

Your Committee endorses the recommendation of the Grand Master that "In Memoriam" pages be set apart in the Proceedings to the memory of the distinguished brethren "who have passed through the valley of the shadow of death."

Your Committee desires on behalf of the Craft of this jurisdiction, to extend to the Grand Master their respectful and universal sympathy in the loss he has sustained in the death of his aged and beloved mother, and they are quite satisfied that the circumstances which prevented him from officially visiting the various Lodges, are fully appreciated and understood.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that the Grand Master has been called, during the past year, to perform the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of two churches (Anglican), at Regina and Hartney. It is well said that "Masonry is the hand-maid of religion," and it seems appropriate that this intimate association should exist between religious bodies and the Craft.

Your Committee approves of the action of the Grand Master in refusing to permit one Lodge to confer the degree of E.A. at the request of another Lodge. To have granted the dispensation, would have, in the opinion of your Committee, been contrary to the provisions of the Constitution.

Your Committee strongly concurs with the Grand Master in refusing to grant dispensations for public installations, and is pleased to note that the decision of the Grand Master has lessened the number of applications for such privileges.

Your Committee are especially pleased to note the testimony of the Grand Master that the Craft throughout the jurisdiction is in such a flourishing condition, a fact which is well evidenced by the granting of dispensations to four new Lodges.

Your Committee endorses the action of the Grand Master in refusing to comply with the request of St. Paul's E.R. of Montreal, to waive

jurisdiction in the case of a resident of the Northwest Territories. The action of the Grand Master was a wise one under the circumstances.

Your Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Grand Master, that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the brethren referred to in his address.

Your Committee joins in the sympathy kindly expressed by the Grand Master at the loss sustained by the brethren in the destruction by fire of the building in Winnipeg where our Annual Communications have been held. Your Committee is pleased to recognize the energy and zeal displayed by the brethren of Winnipeg in their endeavors to raise funds to erect a Masonic Temple, and sincerely hopes that their efforts may be crowned with success.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
H. J. EBERTS,
A. J. BELCH,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley, from the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee of the Board of General Purposes, to which the Grand Secretary's Report has been submitted, having carefully considered the same, notes with satisfaction that this veteran officer of Grand Lodge continues to discharge the duties of his responsible and onerous position with ability, courage and fidelity, thus affording a helpful example to all Grand officers, and the officers of all subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction.

The unfortunate destruction by fire on the 16th Nov. last of the entire edition of Grand Lodge Proceedings, together with the valuable library, and nearly all the other property of our Grand Lodge, was no doubt a very serious loss, and has greatly hampered the Craft in the City of Winnipeg, as well as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. It is gratifying to observe, however, in this connection, that efforts are being made with vigor and liberality to place the Grand Lodge and the Craft generally in even a better position than before the fire.

The number of new Lodges and Lodges working under dispensation is gratifying evidence of the steady continuance, and healthy growth of the Craft within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The record of Special Communications and Dispensations points to the fact that this Grand Lodge is keeping pace with the country, and contributing to its growth and prosperity.

Your Committee regrets to observe that the Grand Secretary has again to complain of the neglect of certain Lodges in the matter of making half-yearly returns to his office at the proper time. He also draws attention at great length to the errors and omissions contained in the returns that reach his office. These complaints are becoming chronic and ought to be remedied. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the respective W.M's will cause these returns to be forwarded as required by the Constitution.

Your Committee expresses the hope that the valuable library recently destroyed by fire will be renewed as fully and as speedily as possible.

The reference by the Grand Secretary to the visit of officers of this Grand Lodge to the neighboring Grand Lodge of British Columbia, then in session at New Westminster, is regarded by your Committee as graceful and appropriate, and cannot fail to perpetuate the kindliest fraternal feelings which have happily always existed between the members of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Manitoba.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. CARLEY,
ALEX. J. BELCH, } *Committee.*

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the Grand Lodge Library begs to report that it has met from time to time in the course of the year, and has advised with the Librarian regarding the affairs of the Library.

It is, no doubt, known to all the brethren that the Grand Lodge Library was totally destroyed by fire in November last.

Your Committee is pleased to note and to acknowledge the generous responses to the Librarian's requests for books and Proceedings, and would recommend that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Grand Bodies and Brethren that have so kindly come to our assistance.

It is estimated that the loss sustained by the fire was $1,000. The amount of insurance was $510, which leaves a net loss of $490. The monetary loss, however, is far from being the full loss, as there was a large number of rare manuscripts, etc., which can never be replaced.

Your Committee has expended the $100 appropriated last year by Grand Lodge, and $60 of the insurance money, towards purchasing Proceedings of Masonic Grand Bodies, and a few rare books on Masonic subjects. There is an unexpended balance of $450, at least one-half of which will be required for binding Proceedings, periodicals, etc., and your Committee would recommend that the sum of $225 be devoted towards the purchase of books of the following character :

1. Proceedings of Grand Lodges.
2. Proceedings of Grand Chapters.
3. Proceedings of Grand Councils.
4. Proceedings of Grand Commanderies.
5. Proceedings of Supreme Councils A. & A. S. R.
6. Standard books on Masonry.
7. General literature, with special preference for works on Canada, or good works by Canadian authors.

Owing to lack of accommodation your Committee regrets that the books of the Library are not, at present, easy of access, but it is expected that commodious and permanent quarters will soon be secured.

Your Committee recommends that the usual sum of $100 be appropriated for Library purposes.

Your Committee desires to acknowledge the very laborious and efficient work of the Librarian, which, owing to the fire, has been exceptionally heavy.

Your Committee would recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the publishers of the various newspapers and periodicals that have supplied their publications gratuitously.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA,
W. C. COPELAND,
W. A. WINDATT,
} *Committee.*

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE.

W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, from the Special Committee on Audit, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Auditors beg leave to report that they have audited the books of Grand Lodge kept by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same carefully and correctly kept, and we have certified to the same.

We compared the returns of the various Lodges with the Cash Book, and this latter with the receipts ; verified the payments with the proper vouchers, and also with the cheques and bank book, and we found all in order.

No chartered Lodge in this jurisdiction is in arrears.

Accompanying this Report are the Grand Secretary's Statement (A) and the Grand Treasurer's Statement (B).

Fraternally submitted.

H. J. EBERTS,
J. THOMPSON BLACK, } *Committee.*

On motion of W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), the Report of the Special Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, from the Special Committee appointed to revise the Constitution, presented the following report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M. :

The Grand Master appointed your Committee at the request of the Board of General Purposes, to revise the Constitution and to submit at this Annual Communication any necessary changes for consideration.

Immediately after the appointment of your Committee, the work of revision was begun, a number of meetings were held and the matter received the most careful consideration.

Your Committee recommends that the proposed amendments, of which the required notice has been given, be adopted by Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. BELL,
THOMAS ROBINSON,
C. N. BELL,
WM. G. SCOTT, } *Committee.*

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution was received, and the proposed amendments (subsequently) considered clause by clause.

THANKS TO ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 4.

A letter was read from the Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, Winnipeg, tendering the Grand Officers the use of its regalia.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), seconded by Bro. Robert H. Myers (14) :

The thanks of the Grand Lodge was tendered to St. John's Lodge, No. 4, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

THANKS TO ODD-FELLOWS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1) :

The thanks of Grand Lodge was ordered to be conveyed to the Trustees of Friendship Hall for their kindness in placing their Hall at its disposal for holding this Annual Communication.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3) :

The thanks of Grand Lodge was ordered to be conveyed to Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, and Eureka Encampment, No. 3, I.O.O.F., for their kindness in cancelling their meetings to accommodate the Grand Lodge.

VOTES OF THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), seconded by Bro. Rev. H. E. C. Mason (19) :

The thanks of Grand Lodge was ordered to be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and North-Western Railway Co., and the Northern Pacific Railway Co., for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members, and the ladies accompanying them.

PRESENTATION TO M.·.W.·. BRO. D. J. GOGGIN.

In accordance with resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain collar. In presenting the testimonial the Grand Master referred in eloquent terms to the great services which had been rendered to the Grand Lodge by the distinguished brother, in the important offices he had held from time to time.

An eloquent and feeling reply was made by the distinguished recipient.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

The following telegram was read :

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, June 13, 1895.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

Our Grand Lodge, now assembled, greets yours in the bond of brotherly love.

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the Grand Secretary was instructed to reply to the telegram of greeting.

Subsequently the following dispatch was transmitted :

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, June 13, 1895.

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,
Grand Secretary,
Omaha, Nebraska.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in Annual Communication, gladly accepts and heartily reciprocates the greetings of her sister of Nebraska.

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.·. W.·. BRO. THOMAS TWEED.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him for travelling and other expenses during his term of office.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.25 o'clock p.m., until Thursday at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the Grand Master:

M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas, from the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Alexander James Belch, from the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

V.·.W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley, from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 51 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; 18 Lodges are represented by duly qualified officers; 19 Lodges are represented by proxy, and 14 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 81 duly qualified Past Masters, and with Representatives a total vote of 192. Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:

1	Prince Rupert's,	R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie,	W. Master.
		Bro. John Cameron Saul,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Duncan W. McDermid,	J. Warden.
2	Lisgar,	W.·. Bro. Robert Moncrieff,	Proxy.
3	Ancient Landmark,	W.·. Bro. Edgar William Rugg,	W. Master.
		Bro. William Edward Hazley,	S. Warden.
4	St. John's,	W.·. Bro. Coulson Nicholas Mitchell,	W. Master
		Bro. Humphrey Hart,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Donald E. McKinnon,	J. Warden.
7	Assiniboine,	W.·. Bro. John Pringle Young,	W. Master.
8	King Solomon,	W.·. Bro. Thomas Coleman,	W. Master.
		Bro. Henry Robert Whitworth,	S. Warden.

9	Oakland,	W.·.	Bro. Frank Alexander Brown,	W. Master.
10	Northern Light,		Bro. William Roderick Ross,	S. Warden.
11	Gladstone,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. Thomas Lewis Morton,	W. Master.
12	Stonewall,		Bro. Edward Good,	S. Warden.
14	Prince of Wales,		Bro. Robert Hill Myers,	S. Warden.
19	Brandon,	W.·.	Bro. Rev. Horace E. C. Mason,	W. Master.
23	Wascana,		Bro. Lemuel A. Ferguson,	J. Warden.
25	Ionic,	W.·.	Bro. Norman Brownell,	W. Master.
			Bro. Edward Luke Milligan,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Edmond Shorey Knowlton,	J. Warden
26	Moose Jaw,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. William Andrew Windatt,	Proxy.
27	Glenwood,		Bro. James W. Breakey,	S. Warden.
29	Carberry,	W.·.	Bro. John George Fitch,	W. Master.
			Bro. Arthur Mack,	S. Warden.
31	Medicine Hat,		Bro. Andrew Rodger Dickson,	S. Warden.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley,	W.·.	Bro. John Chambers,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	W.·.	Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts,	Proxy.
34	Qu'Appelle,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. Charles Napier Bell,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. John McGuirl,	Proxy.
36	Doric,	W.·.	Bro. John Sutherland McKay,	Proxy.
37	Alberta,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
38	Battle,	M.·.W.·.	Bro. William George Bell,	Proxy.
40	Deloraine,	R.·.W.·.	Bro. James Edward Maynard,	Proxy.
41	North Star,	V.·.W.·.	Bro. James Johnson White,	Proxy.
42	Cascade,	W.·.	Bro. Hascall Ransford,	Proxy.
43	Lebanon,	W.·.	Bro. William Arthur Lang,	Proxy.
46	Wapananung,	W.·.	Bro. William Hodson,	W. Master.
49	Temple,	W.·.	Bro. William Bird Gilroy,	W. Master.
50	Killarney,	W.·.	Bro. James A. McNaughton,	Proxy.
51	Treherne,	W.·.	Bro. James Kenneth Robson.	W. Master.
52	Hartney,	M.·.W.·.	Bro. James Alexander Ovas,	Proxy.
53	Edmonton,	M.·.W.·.	Bro. Thomas Tweed,	Proxy.
54	Oriental,	W.·.	Bro. John Crerar,	Proxy.
56	Maple Leaf,	W.·.	Bro. William Crawford,	Proxy.
57	Evening Star,	W.·.	Bro. George B. Murphy,	Proxy.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
Chairman.

On Motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers : M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), and M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), when the election proceeded with the following result :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1), Winnipeg, Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), Morden, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James Leslie (14), Minnedosa, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), Moosomin, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles Bruce Pitblado (4), Winnipeg, Grand Chaplain.
And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :

V.·. W.·. Bro. James Johnson White (25), Winnipeg, District No. 1.
W.·. Bro. William James Cooper (7), Portage la Prairie, District No. 2.
W.·. Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw (9), Carman, District No. 3.
W.·. Bro. James Alexander McNaughton (50), Killarney, District No. 4.
W.·. Bro. John Lane (39), Birtle, District No. 5.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Byron Mercer (38) Battleford, District No. 6.
W.·. Bro. William Arthur Lang (19), Brandon, District No. 7.
W.·. Bro. James Henry Benson (23), Regina, District No. 8.
W.·. Bro. Thomas Frederick English (60), Calgary, District No. 9.
V.·. W.·. Bro. William Thomas Finlay (31), Medicine Hat, District No. 10.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing term :

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman (7), Portage la Prairie.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John Walter Harris (4), Winnipeg.
V.·.W.·. Bro. James Johnston White (25), Winnipeg.
V.·.W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin (10), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Thomas William Taylor (10), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith (1), Winnipeg.

and R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), Winnipeg, to serve for the unexpired term of W.·. Bro. Nelson Robert Wessel (31), who has removed from the jurisdiction.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments :

W.·. Bro. Thomas William Taylor (4), Winnipeg, Grand Senior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. Henry James Pugh (43), Virden, Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter (53), Edmonton, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W.·. Bro. Rev. Horace Edwyn Cooper Mason (19), Brandon, Grand Organist.
W.·. Bro. Robert Moncrieff (2), Selkirk, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Herron (45), Pincher Creek, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Alexander Lunham Young (27), Souris, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Barnwell (56), Maple Creek, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40), Deloraine, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Alexander Cowan (34), Qu'Appelle Station, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert Gordon Mathews (37), Macleod, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31), Medicine Hat, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. James Andrew Johnson (39), Birtle, Grand Pursuivant.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by Bro. Andrew R. Dickson (31) :

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31) :

That the next Annual Communication be held at the Village of Banff.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared "carried."

DIVISION OF DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), District No. 9 was divided as follows :

District No. 9 in future to be composed of Bow River Lodge, No. 28; Cascade Lodge, No. 42; Edmonton Lodge, No. 53; Innisfail Lodge, No. 58; Red Deer Lodge, No. 59; and Perfection Lodge, No. 60; District No. 10 to be composed of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31; Alberta Lodge, No. 37; North Star Lodge, No. 41; Spitzie Lodge, No. 45; and Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master, conferred on

R.·.W.·. Bros. James Thompson Black, William Noble, James Duncan Baine, Robert Thompson Butchart, Charles Frederick Young, John Peter Anderson, George B. Murphy, and Montague Henry White-Fraser.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following resolutions to amend the Constitution were presented and disposed of as follows :

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3),

Section 3 was amended to read "Eight V.·.W.·. Grand Stewards."

The last paragraph of Section 3 was amended to read as follows :

"The Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of all Chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction, and all Past Masters of Chartered Lodges under the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges, who are, on June 15th, 1895, members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"The presence of the Representatives of three Chartered Lodges shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

At the close of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1897 the last paragraph of Section 3 is to stand repealed, and the following is to be substituted therefor, viz :

"All Grand Officers, all Past elective Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, Past Masters who have filled the chair of W. Master in this jurisdiction, Masters and Wardens of Lodges, and all Past Masters who are, at the opening of the Grand Lodge in 1897, entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, and being subscribing members of Lodges."

"The presence of the Representatives of three Chartered Lodges shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

Section 18 was amended to read :

"No member of Grand Lodge shall have the right to attend therein without his proper clothing."

Section 20 was repealed and the following substituted :

"The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened the Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business at the first session of the Annual Communication :

I. Reading and confirming minutes of previous Communications.

II. Reading and referring the Grand Master's Address.

III. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.

IV. Presenting Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and referring them to the Board of General Purposes.

V. Presenting Report of the Grand Treasurer and referring same to the Board of General Purposes.

VI. Presenting report of the Grand Secretary and referring same to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

VII. Presenting report of the Librarian and referring same to the Committee on Library.

VIII. Presentation of the Reports of the Board of General Purposes.

IX. Presentation of the Reports of the Standing Committees of the Board and dealing therewith in the following order:

(*a*) On Jurisprudence.
(*b*) On State of Masonry.
(*c*) On Foreign Correspondence.
(*d*) On Finance.
(*e*) On Benevolence and Charity.
(*f*) On Credentials and Reception.

X. Presentation of the Reports of the Special Committees and dealing therewith in the following order:

(*a*) On Grand Master's Address.
(*b*) On Grand Lodge Library.
(*c*) On Lodges Under Dispensation.
(*d*) On Grand Secretary's Report.

XI. Motions in their order.

XII. Notices of Motion.

XIII. Unfinished Business.

At all other sessions of Grand Lodge the order of business shall be:

1st. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.

2nd. Unfinished business from previous session.

3rd. Consideration of Reports in the order in which they are presented.

4th. Presentation of Reports of the Board of General Purposes.

5th. Presentation of Reports of Special Committees.

6th. Motions, general business.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary, at each session, and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-third vote of Grand Lodge and not otherwise.

Section 21 was amended by expunging the words "Grand Wardens" in the 12th line, and by substituting the words "five brethren" for that of "brother" in the fourteenth line.

Section 29 was amended by substituting the word "two" for that of "three" in the fifth line.

Section 32 was amended by expunging the words "afternoon of the" in the second line.

Section 34 was amended by inserting the word "if" after "and" in the fifth line, and inserting the words "he shall if present be regularly installed" after the word "Master" in the sixth line.

Section 59 was amended by inserting the words "or Grand Secretary" after the words "District Deputy Grand Master."

Section 63 was amended by expunging all after the word "Master" in the fifth line.

Section 65 was amended by substituting the words "a statement" for "his accounts" in the seventh line.

Section 66 was amended by expunging all after the word "shall" in the ninth line and substituting the following :—"be signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, or in his absence by the President of the Board of General Purposes."

Section 67, Sub-Section 8th, was amended by inserting the word "suspensions" after "rejections" in the second line, and Sub-Section 9th of the same Section was amended by expunging all after the word "Lodge" in the first line and inserting the following, "to all members thereof and to each Lodge."

Section 75 was amended by substituting the word "eight" for "four" in the first line.

Section 78 was amended by expunging the words "at its first meeting" in the first line, and the words "and by open vote" in the third line.

Section 79 was amended by inserting after the word "removed" in the second line the words "or leave the jurisdiction."

Section 80 was amended by expunging all after the word "Board" in the second line, and substituting therefor the words "the Board shall appoint a chairman pro tempore."

Section 81 was amended to read as follows :—

"A regular meeting of the Board shall be held within ten days "after the close of each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge,

"for the purpose of electing the President, Vice-President, and "the several standing committees, and for the transaction of other "business."

Section 91 was amended by expunging the words "the first" in the second line, and substituting therefor the words "a special," and by expunging the words "at least two months" in the 6th line, and the words "fifteenth day of January" in the ninth line, and substituting for the latter the words "thirty-first day of December."

Section 101 was amended to read as follows:—

"The Board shall, at its meeting as provided in Section 81, "elect five of its members to serve upon each of its Standing Com- "mittees."

Section 111 was amended by expunging the words "nomination of" in the second line.

Section 115 was amended by expunging all after the word "Lodge" in the second line to and including the word "it" in the fourth line, and the words "and accounts" to be inserted after the word "claims" in the eighth line.

Section 122 was amended as follows:—

1st. By inserting a period after the word "dollars" in the third line, and begin a new line with the word "The."

2nd. By substituting the word "five" for "ten" in the twelfth line.

3rd. By substituting the words "one dollar" for "seventy-five cents" in the 19th line.

Section 123 was amended by expunging all after the word "returns" in the second line and substituting therefor the following, viz:— "Within one week after June 24th and December 27th in each year."

Section 124 was amended by expunging all after the word "Craft" in the second line.

Section 125 was amended by expunging the words "or emblem" in the first line, and the words "or be consistent with" in the third line.

Section 136 was amended by inserting after the word "standing" in the fifth line the following:—"and must be a member of the Lodge to which complaint is presented."

Section 137 was amended as follows:—

1st. By inserting the words "or the next succeeding" after the word "first" in the 16th line.

2nd. By inserting after the word "complaint" in the 17th line the following :—"of which complaint all the members of the Lodge shall be notified in the notice calling such meeting."

3rd. By inserting the words "a majority vote by" after the word "by" in the 17th line.

4th. By inserting the words "shall be notified thereof and" after the word "accused" in the 23rd line.

Section 154 was amended by inserting after the word "for" in the second line the word "disobedience of its orders or summonses."

Section 170 was amended as follows :—

The words "for one year" expunged from the third line of said Section, and the following inserted after the word "dues" in the third line :—"for one year after the expiration of the Masonic year during which the same became due, or after the date provided for payment of dues by the By-laws then."

Section 189, Sub-Section 3, was amended by expunging the word "immediately" in the third line and inserting instead the words "within one week," and Sub-Section 5 was amended by expunging the word "immediately" in the second line and inserting instead the words "within one week."

Section 205 was amended by the addition of the following :—

"Provided that a brother who has not served as a Warden "may be nominated as Worshipful Master of a Lodge Under Dis- "pensation."

Section 208 was amended by substituting the word word "regular" for "ordinary" in the 22nd line.

Section 209 was amended by expunging the word "proposal" in the fifth line.

Section 240 was amended to read as follows :—

"A member of a Lodge in good standing, and whose dues are "paid may withdraw at any time by making an application for "such withdrawal at a regular meeting, and he shall receive a "certificate of the fact of such withdrawal. Membership in the "Lodge shall terminate upon the granting a dimit. No recom- "mendatory certificate shall be given a brother so withdrawing, "except by a special vote of the majority of the members of the "Lodge then present."

Section 249 was amended by inserting the words "in such Lodge" after the word "Masonry" in the 13th line.

Section 253 was amended by the addition of the following :—

"But in no case shall the degree of Entered Apprentice be conferred by one Lodge at the request of another."

Section 255 was amended by inserting after the word "degree" in the third line the words "except by dispensation of the Grand Master."

Section 256 was amended by the addition of the following :—

"If a brother has made reasonable efforts to obtain a certifi-
"cate from the Lodge of which he is, or was formerly, a member,
"and has failed, the Board of General Purposes, upon the recom-
"mendation of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District
"in which the brother resides may, after thorough investigation,
"authorize the Lodge nearest which the brother resides to act upon
"his petition for affiliation."

Section 325 was amended by expunging the word "not" in the first line, and all after the word "Master" in the second line.

Section 326 was amended by expunging the word "not" in the first line and all after the word "Master" in the second line.

Section 329 was amended by inserting the word "resignation" after the word "jurisdiction" in the third line.

Section 333 was amended by expunging the word "forever" in the fifth line, and by substituting the word "until" for "unless" in the fifth line.

Section 335 was amended by substituting the word "may" for "shall" in the fifth line.

Section 336 was amended by expunging the words "no adjourned or" in the fifth line and inserting the word "any" after the word "of" in the sixth line.

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3),

That the following be inserted after Section 169, viz :—

The following are Masonic offences :—

All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.
Drunkenness and profligacy.
Fighting.

Adultery, and all lascivious associations, whether with the relative of a mason, or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

Contempt for God or religion.

Atheism.

Masonic communion with clandestine masons or irregular Lodges.

Improper revelations.

Disobedience to those in authority, or contemptuous language towards them.

All countenance of impostors.

Contemptuous expressions respecting Masonry.

Wronging a Mason by fraud.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Unseemly conduct in the Lodge.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the ritual, or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Any violation of the by-laws of a Lodge by a member thereof.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

NOTICES OF MOTION WITHDRAWN.

By permission of Grand Lodge the following notices of motions were withdrawn :

By R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10)

That Section 12 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

The word "fourth" to be substituted for "second" in the second line, and the word "February" for "June" in the third line, and the following to be added after the word "Lodge" in the fourth line of said Section (12), viz :— "Provided, however, that in the case of epidemic or other causes dangerous to the health or comfort of the members of the Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes may change such place of meeting."

By R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1)

That the following be a regulation of this Grand Lodge, viz :—

That electioneering in any way for office in the Grand Lodge is prohibited as unmasonic, and any member found guilty of the offence shall be ineligible to office.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.30 o'clock, p.m., until 8.30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

LETTER FROM SIR JOHN SCHULTZ.

The following letter from Bro. Sir John Schultz, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, addressed to R.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, Deputy Grand Master, was read :

MY DEAR SIR,—

With reference to your enquiries regarding the Lodge of Masons first established here, of which I was the W.M., I had hoped to have found time enough to have searched out for you, among some

very old papers packed away in boxes, the dispensation under which the Lodge in question worked.

As you are aware there was, at that time, no political or other connection in Canada, and power could only be obtained from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to which application was made in the spring of 1864. This application was supported by a Lodge working under the dispensation of the Grand Lodge in question, having been established at Pembina, and was maintained during the time that Hatch's Battalion remained at that point.

As there were not here a sufficient number of Masons to make the necessary application, several of those who joined with me, in doing so, at first had to be made masons in the Pembina Lodge, and among these were A. G. B. Bannatyne, W. B. Hall of Headingly, William Inkster of St. Johns, and one or two others who went to Pembina for that purpose in March, 1864. These gentlemen, joining with Mr. Curtis of Sturgeon Creek, afterwards of Portage la Prairie, and who, like myself, had been made a Mason elsewhere, and myself applied with others, for the dispensation, which we obtained, and it is fair to notice, in this connection, the good offices of Captain Charles W. Nash, quartermaster of Hatch's Battalion, and his brother Mr. Wm. Nash, who were both St. Paul Masons, in persuading Mr. Pierson, then Grand Master of Minnesota, that notwithstanding the difference of political boundary, it would be, as Masonry knows no political barriers, proper for the Grand Lodge to assent to the request of the Fort Garry Masons. On receipt of the dispensation authorizing the formation of Northern Light Lodge (which I hope yet to be able to find, and to hand you for such disposal, as a matter of record, as you may deem fit) a room was arranged as a Lodge over the trading house of Mr. Bannatyne, and a novelty it was indeed in this country at that time. It was spoken of far and wide, and the description, which did not decrease in detail, or increase in accuracy as to what was done therein, were listened to with much curiosity, and in some cases with awesome wonder, which was enhanced by the jocoseness of Mr. Bannatyne's clerks, who spoke knowingly of the whereabouts and propulsive propensities of the goat, and who pointed out from the room below (to wit, the trading house) exactly in what part of the up-stairs room the W. M. hung his hat while the Lodge was at work. The lodge room itself was made as tasteful as the circumstances of that day would admit, and it may interest the curious to know the exact cost of some of its furniture, as given in a memorandum which I happen to have near me, in the sterling money of the day, namely :—

Tables, £1.19.6; inner door, 15/; altar, 19/6; wall paper, 39/; 24 black beads, 1/6; ditto white, 1/; 100 copies By-laws 40/; and it may be inferred that the Craft were not always at work, for I find on the same list, 15 tin plates, 15 iron table spoons, 15 tea spoons, 12 cups and saucers, 1 tin pan, 4 cans pickled oysters; 1 lb. butter; 1 lb. coffee, and 2 lbs. sugar, which would seem to show that there were intervals for refreshment.

The jewels were borrowed ones from the Pembina Lodge, used until the following January, the Lodge having commenced work in November, 1864, when these were replaced by fine ones from Chicago, through the good offices of N. W. Kittson.

Among those who were entered as Apprentices and raised to the degree of Master Mason were the following:—Rev. Mr. Taylor, of St. James, Rev. Mr. Smith, of St. Johns, Mr. Hector McKenzie, an Arctic voyageur, Mr. Thomas Bunn, Dr. Curtis J. Bird, Mr. William Coldwell, Ven. Archdeacon Hunter, Chief Factor William McMurray, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Davis, of the Hudson's Bay Co., and Mr. Morgan, of Headingly, and of those who served as officers at various times were A. G. B. Bannatyne and William Inkster, as Senior Wardens, W. B. Hall and Mr. Curtis as Junior Wardens, and Mr. Morgan, Tyler, and the Chaplaincy was occupied by the Reverend members in succession.

Again promising to hand you, so soon as I can find them, all the records of the Lodge, and trusting that your present meeting may be a pleasant and successful one, I am, dear sir, with cordial good wishes to all the delegates and the members of Grand Lodge.

Yours very faithfully,

JOHN SCHULTZ.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10),

It was ordered that the communication of Bro. Sir John Schultz be entered in the minutes, and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to him for his kind offer of documents relating to the introduction of Masonry into the Canadian Northwest.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bros. Thomas Tweed and James A. Ovas, and R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twentieth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 11 p.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles Bruce Pitblado, Grand Chaplain.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

District Number One.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. James Johnson White, *Winnipeg.*

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk.
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg.
"	6—Emerson	Emerson.
"	8—King Solomon	Morris.
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg.
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall.
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg.
"	55—East Star	Gretna.

District Number Two.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. William James Cooper, *Portage la Prairie.*

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone.
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa.
"	49—Temple	McGregor.

District Number Three.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw, *Carman.*

No.	9—Oakland	Carman.
"	48—Glenboro	Glenboro.
"	51—Treherne	Treherne.

District Number Four.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. James Alexander McNaughton, *Killarney.*

No.	13—Belmont	Morden.
"	30—Manitou	Manitou.
"	36—Doric	Boissevain.
"	40—Deloraine	Deloraine.
"	50—Killarney	Killarney.
"	54—Oriental	Melita.

District Number Five.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. John Lane, *Birtle.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle ..... Birtle.

District Number Six.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. John Byron Mercer, *Battleford.*

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle ..... Battleford.

District Number Seven.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. William Arthur Lang, *Brandon.*

No. 19—Brandon ..... Brandon.
" 27—Glenwood ..... Souris.
" 29—Carberry ..... Carberry.
" 43—Lebanon ..... Virden.
" 44—Oak Lake ..... Oak Lake.
" 52—Hartney ..... Hartney.

District Number Eight.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. James Henry Benson, *Regina.*

No. 23—Wascana ..... Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head ..... Indian Head.
" 34—Qu'Appelle ..... Qu'Appelle.
" 35—Moosomin ..... Moosomin.
" 46—Wapananung ..... Broadview.
" 47—Ashlar ..... Whitewood.
" 57—Evening Star ..... Grenfell.
" 61—North-West Mounted Police ..... Regina.

District Number Nine.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Frederick English, *Calgary.*

No. 28—Bow River ..... Calgary.
" 42—Cascade ..... Banff.
" 53—Edmonton ..... Edmonton.
" 58—Innisfail ..... Innisfail.
" 60—Perfection ..... Calgary.
Red Deer ..... Red Deer.

District Number Ten.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. William Thomas Finlay, *Medicine Hat.*

No. 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 37—Alberta ..... Macleod.
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge.
" 45—Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek.
" 56—Maple Leaf ..... Maple Creek.

Recapitulation.

District Number One	10
District Number Two	4
District Number Three	3
District Number Four	6
District Number Five	3
District Number Six	2
District Number Seven	6
District Number Eight	10
District Number Nine	6
District Number Ten	5
Total	55

TABULAR STATEMENT OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. Dec. 27, 1894.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended U.M.C.	Suspended N.P.D.	Died.	Rejected.	Membership 27th Dec., 1893.	Membership 27th Dec., 1894.
1	Prince Rupert's	4	4	5	4	1	9	....	....	....	....	123	123
2	Lisgar	1	1	1	1	....	3	....	....	1	....	61	59
3	Ancient Landmark	8	3	5	4	....	8	....	12	2	3	181	171
4	St. John's	3	6	5	2	1	4	....	7	....	1	113	108
6	Emerson	2	2	2	....	1	3	....	....	1	....	31	30
7	Assiniboine	4	5	4	2	....	4	....	11	....	....	103	94
8	King Solomon	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	34
9	Oakland	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	32	31
10	Northern Light	2	2	2	3	....	6	....	....	1	....	69	67
11	Gladstone	2	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	29	30
12	Stonewall	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	27	27
13	Belmont	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	88	87
14	Prince of Wales	2	3	3	3	1	....	....	1	....	1	55	60
15	Corinthian	....	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	29	27
16	Kinistino	....	....	1	2	1	3	1	8	1	....	53	43
19	Brandon	2	4	2	2	....	9	....	....	....	1	102	97
23	Wascana	7	8	7	1	....	21	....	....	....	2	80	67
24	Neepawa	....	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	30	29
25	Ionic	5	5	4	1	....	4	....	....	1	....	96	97
26	Moose Jaw	3	3	6	2	1	1	....	6	....	1	47	46
27	Glenwood	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	3	....	....	34	29
28	Bow River	7	8	6	2	....	7	....	6	1	1	75	70
29	Carberry	....	1	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	31	29
30	Manitou	3	4	4	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	23	28

31	Medicine Hat	5	4	4	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	36	41
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	2	2	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	24	25
33	Indian Head	2	2	4	....	....	2	....	1	1	....	33	31
34	Qu'Appelle	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	....	2	25	24
35	Moosomin	1	1	2	1	....	6	....	....	....	1	43	39
36	Doric	6	5	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	36	42
37	Alberta	4	7	7	4	....	3	....	....	....	....	50	55
38	Battle	1	1	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	25	23
39	Birtle	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	37
40	Deloraine	....	1	1	1	....	5	1	1	....	1	42	36
41	North Star	5	6	7	2	2	5	....	....	....	....	40	44
42	Cascade	4	5	6	1	1	2	....	2	....	....	36	38
43	Lebanon	....	..	2	2	1	2	....	3	....	....	39	37
44	Oak Lake	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	27
45	Spitzie	4	5	5	1	....	4	....	....	....	....	20	21
46	Wapananung	2	1	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	14	13
47	Ashlar	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	19	20
48	Glenboro	6	6	8	1	....	1	....	....	....	2	36	42
49	Temple	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	18	18
50	Killarney	....	1	....	3	....	1	..	....	....	....	20	22
51	Treherne	5	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	23
52	Hartney	3	5	5	5	...	1	....	2	1	...	21	25
53	Edmonton	6	5	5	9	...	3	....	1	1	2	35	45
54	Melita	6	6	8	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	27
55	East Star	7	6	6	1	....	2	....	....	....	2	11	17
56	Maple Leaf	13	11	9	2	....	4	....	....	....	2	7	18
57	Evening Star	11	10	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	19
	Innisfail	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	9
	Red Deer	....	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	8
	Perfection	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	10
	North-West Mounted Police	....	....	....	15	....	.. .	....	....	....	....	.....	15
		154	159	166	113	12	143	2	66	13	28	2279	2334

LODGE DIRECTORY.

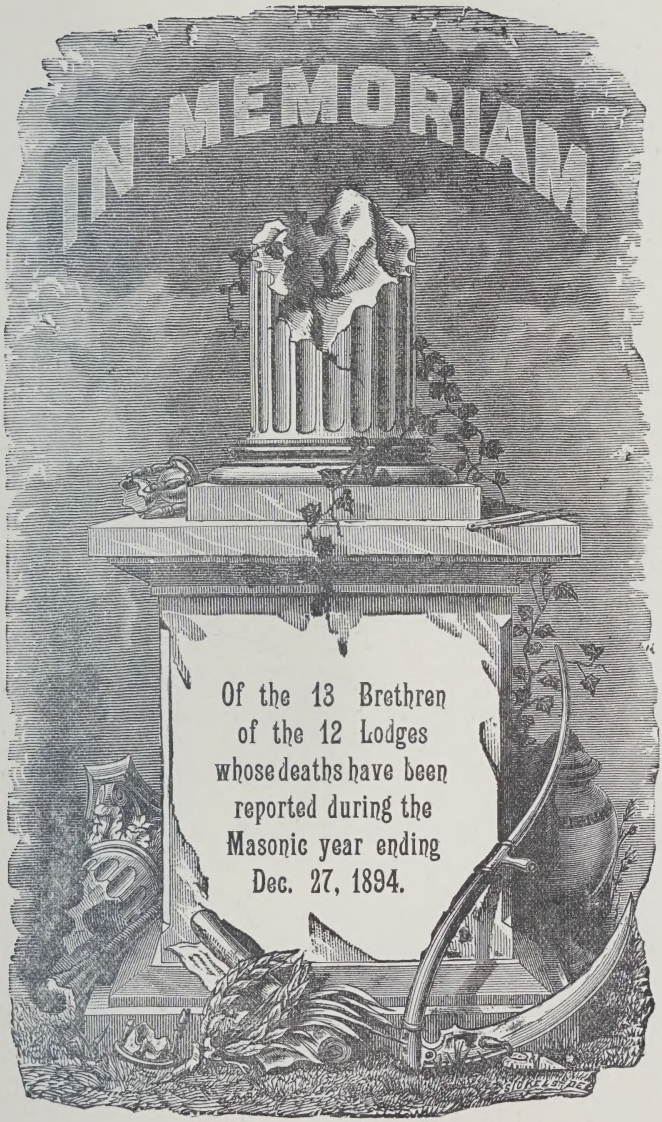
Lodges marked * hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist; all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

	Name of Lodge.	Town and P.O. Address.	Municipality.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	John Leslie	George A. Hargrave	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	St. Andrews	Manitoba	Rev. Charles R. Littler	Robt. W. Stewart	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Edgar W. Rugg	John R. Richardson	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	C. N. Mitchell	Wm. Braden	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson *	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	Wm. W. Stirling	Rev. W. J. Garton	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	John P. Young	Alex. Bowman	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	Thomas Coleman	F. W. Mackenzie	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	Frank A. Brown	Fred. Starkey	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	C. Graburn	W. S. Grant	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Thomas L. Morton	John Ferguson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	Wm. Lindsay	A. R. Leonard	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	George Ashdown	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	John K. Patton	J. F. Boyd	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Robert Madden	R. T. Butchart	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	Joseph M. Coombs	James Stewart	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Cornwallis	Manitoba	Rev. H. E. C. Mason	R. L. Kennedy	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	W. J. Chisholm	T. J. Fleetham	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	George Hamilton	Geo. A. Davidson	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Norman Brownell	Wm. Cranston	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	Hamilton Lang	John Franks	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Glenwood	Manitoba	Wm. A. Forster	A. L. Young	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	H. W. G. Stocken	Wm. L. Bernard	Second Monday in each month.
29	Carberry	Carberry	North Cypress	Manitoba	John G. Fitch	J. P. Anderson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Pembina	Manitoba	Rev. N. Hewitt	James Herald	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	Francis F. Fatt	Wm. N. Adsit	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley *	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	James Dillon	S. C. Elkington	Tuesday on or after full moon.

33	Indian Head*	Indian Head.		Assiniboia	David B. Macoun	T. T. Grimmett	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	D. S. McCannel	W. G. Vicars	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	Eli Sutcliffe	John McGuirl	Wednesday on or after full moon.
36	Doric *	Boissevain	Morton	Manitoba	Richard G. Willis	J. D. Baine	Tuesday on or before full moon.
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	R. G. Mathews	Wm. H. Gee	Wednesday on or before full moon
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	Oscar F. Orr	John B. Mercer	First Wednesday in each month.
39	Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	Peter Duncan	John Lane.	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Manitoba	John L. Nelson	M. A. Wilson	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star *	Lethbridge		Alberta	P. H. Belcher	Robert Sage	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Banff		Alberta	Frank Harper	Wm. H. Fear	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon*	Virden	Wallace	Manitoba	William Wilson	Rev. H. L. Watts	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake *	Oak Lake	Sifton	Manitoba	Wm. Chambers	W. J. Helliwell	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie *	Pincher Creek		Alberta	H. E. Hyde	W. S. M. Smith	Friday on or before full moon.
46	Wapananung *	Broadview		Assiniboia	Wm. Hodson	Rev. F. H. Tatham	First Thursday in each month.
47	Ashlar *	Whitewood		Assiniboia	A. B. Gillis	Wm. H. Stoddart	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	South Cypress	Manitoba	Jonas Christie	W. H. McConnell	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor	North Norfolk	Manitoba	W. B. Gilroy	Donald MacLean	Wednesday on or after full moon.
50	Killarney*	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	James M. Baldwin	Richard Brown	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	South Norfolk	Manitoba	James K. Robson	W. D. Staples	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Winchester	Manitoba	Wm. B. Muir	B. McDermott	Tuesday on or before full moon.
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	H. C. Taylor	James McDonald	Third Friday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	E. R. Redpath	E. P. Snider	Friday on or before full moon.
55	East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	Otto Schultz	J. D. Tomkins	Wednesday on or before full moon
56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	John J. Matthews	Alfred White	Thursday on or before full moon.
57	Evening Star	Grenfell		Assiniboia	R. B. Bennett	Edward Fitz Gerald.	Tuesday on or after full moon.
58	Innisfail	Innisfail		Alberta	John A. Simpson	H. M. Douglas	Monday on or before full moon.
60	Perfection	Calgary		Alberta	I. S. G. Van Wart	A. M. Grogan	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
61	North-West Mounted Police	Regina		Assiniboia	Robert Belcher	James Ritchie	First Thursday in each month.
	Red Deer	Red Deer		Alberta	Robert M. Pardue	C. S. Eggleton	Third Wednesday in each month.

DEATHS 13—12 LODGES.

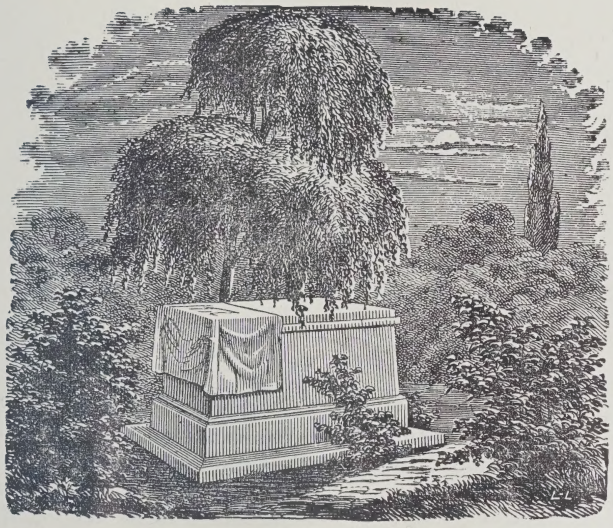
NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
John Simpson Anderson..	29 August, 1894 .	Lisgar.....	2
Robert Larter Meadows .	2 November, 1894.	Ancient Landmark..	3
William Lyell Hutton	8 December, 1894.	Ancient Landmark..	3
Duncan Henry Cameron..	29 September,1894	Emerson.....	6
James Spencer Lynch	22 July, 1894	Northern Light	10
George Gibson Graham ..	6 March, 1894	Stonewall	12
Peter Aikins.....	24 May, 1894	Belmont	13
John Stewart	31 August, 1894 ..	Kinistino	16
Thomas Clark	29 December, 1893	Ionic.....	25
Albert John Ellis	15 October, 1894..	Bow River.....	28
Duncan Tannatt Thomson	September, 1894..	Indian Head	33
George Dunlop Butchart..	9 February, 1894 .	Hartney	52
Malcolm McLeod.....	18 July, 1894	Edmonton	53


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 13 Brethren
of the 12 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during the
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1894.

"There is nothing terrible in death;
'Tis but to cast our robes away,
And sleep at night without a breath
To break repose till dawn of day."

IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

" O what is death, 'Tis life's last shore,
Where vanities are vain no more ;
Where all pursuits their goal obtain,
And life is all retouched again ;
Where in their bright results shall rise,
Thoughts, virtues, friendships, griefs and joys."



In Memoriam of

R.·. W.·. BRO. CHARLES CHAFFEY,

Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana,

Died at New Orleans, August 9th, 1894.

" One by one the lights are dying.
All along the olden shore ;
One by one the silent boatman
Bears their gentle spirits o'er."

In Memoriam.

M.·. W.·. BRO. ALONZO REED,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.
Died July 12th, 1894.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN FRIZZELL,
Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.
Died November 30th, 1894.

M.·. W.·. BRO. STEPHEN F. CHADWICK,
Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.
Died January 15, 1895.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN M. CHIVINGTON,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.
Died October 4, 1894.

M.·. W.·. BRO. EDWARD B. JONES,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.
Died August 2, 1894.

M.·. W.·. BRO. R. DELOS PULFORT,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
Died October 19, 1894.

" 'Tis a blessing to live, but a greater to die,
And the best of the world is its path to the sky.
Be it gloomy or bright, for the life that He gave
Let us thank Him—but blessed be God FOR THE GRAVE!

'Tis the end of our toil, 'tis the crown of our bliss,
'Tis the portal of happiness—aye, but for this
How hopeless were sorrow, how narrow were love
If they looked not from earth to the rapture above! "

In Memoriam.

M.·. W.·. BRO. PHILIP C. TUCKER,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
Died July 9, 1894.

R.·. W.·. BRO. JOSEPH K. WHEELER,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
Died October, 10, 1894.

R.·. W.·. BRO. WILLIAM B. ISAACS,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
Died June 9, 1895.

R.·. W.·. BRO. ROBERT L. SCANNELL,
Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah.
Died October 13, 1894.

R.·. W.·. BRO. MARK R. LEAVENWORTH,
Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
Died November 1, 1894.

R.·. W.·. BRO. CHARLES BROWN,
Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio,
Died November 6, 1894.

" There are still some few remaining
Who remind us of the past,
But they change, as all things change here,
Nothing in this world can last.

" Years roll on and pass forever ;
What is coming, who can say ?
Ere this closes many may be
Far away, far away !

" Some are gone from us forever—
Longer here they might not stay ;
They have reached a fairer region,
Far away, far away !"

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Philip Brown	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Charles Tupper Chapman.	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
William Dawson	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Arthur George L. Guy	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
James Brown Henderson	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
John William Horne	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Maxwell Stevenson Inglis.	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Richard Hartford Kenning	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Henry Ludger Langelier	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
John Finlayson Morrison	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Kenneth McLean	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Frank Servoss	10 December, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	3
Walter Cowley	5 September, 1894	St. John's	4
William Cowan	5 September, 1894	St. John's	4
David Brown	5 September, 1894	St. John's	4
John Eccles	5 September, 1894	St. John's	4
Harry Franklin Kemp	5 September, 1894	St. John's	4
John Radford	5 September, 1894	St. John's	4
Samuel Biggins	5 September, 1894	St. John's	4
William Merrick Crooker	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
Ewen Cameron	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
Charles J. Green	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
Edward H. G. G. Hay	27 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
William Lyons	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
William Mawhinney	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
William Nevins	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
William H. Ross	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
Robert Watson	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
Albert H. Ferris	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
William D. Slingerland	21 March, 1894	Assiniboine	7
James Anthony Griffith	18 May, 1894	Prince of Wales	14
Thomas McKay	1 June, 1894	Kinistino	16
John Alexander McDonald	1 June, 1894	Kinistino	16
John McKenzie	1 June, 1884	Kinistino	16
Alexander Stansfield	1 June, 1894	Kinistino	16
Justus Duncan Wilson	1 June, 1894	Kinistino	16
Joseph McKay	1 June, 1894	Kinistino	16
Henry Keenan	7 December, 1894	Kinistino	16
Charles R. Y. McDonald	7 December, 1894	Kinistino	16
George Malcolm Annable	13 November, 1894	Moose Jaw	26
Seymour Noel De P. Green	13 November, 1894	Moose Jaw	26
James Straton Hayward	13 November, 1894	Moose Jaw	26
Alexander Munro	13 November, 1894	Moose Jaw	26
James Nathan McDonald	13 November, 1894	Moose Jaw	26
Benjamin E. Rothwell	13 November, 1894	Moose Jaw	26

Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues.—*Continued.*

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
Thomas Henry Crotty	7 December, 1894	Glenwood..... ...	27
William Elmes.....	7 December, 1894	Glenwood.....	27
George Walter Harrison ..	7 December, 1894	Glenwood.....	27
Augustus Carney	13 August, 1894 ..	Bow River...	28
Gwynne Robert Hughes ..	12 November, 1894	Bow River.....	28
John Sidney Ingram.....	13 August, 1894 ..	Bow River.....	28
James Stewart McKenzie..	10 December, 1894	Bow River.....	28
William Charles Podger ..	12 November, 1894	Bow River.....	28
Robert H. M. Rawlinson..	10 December, 1894	Bow River	28
John Stephen	20 April, 1894 ...	Indian Head	33
Ralph Edward Smith	16 January, 1894..	Qu'Appelle	34
George Morton Manuel ..	15 August, 1894 ..	Deloraine	40
William Bell Campbell....	6 December, 1894	Cascade.....	42
James Francis Rea	6 December, 1894	Cascade.....	42
Clarence E. Pineo	20 March, 1894....	Lebanon.....	43
Donald McKinnon	16 January, 1894..	Lebanon.....	43
William McKenzie.....	16 January, 1894..	Lebanon	43
Daniel Campbell.....	12 June, 1894	Ashlar.....	47
Clifton Herbert Young....	20 March, 1894 ...	Hartney	52
Thomas Marshman	20 March, 1894 ...	Hartney	52
Peter Duncan Campbell ..	18 May, 1894	Edmonton	53

SUSPENSIONS FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
William Young Davis	7 December, 1894..	Kinistino	16
Thomas Henry Kellett....	17 January, 1894..	Deloraine	40

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Martin Lawson	29 January, 1894..	Prince Rupert's	1
James S. Nicholson	4 April, 1894	St. John's	4
Elijah Faxton Bucknam ..	13 September, 1894	Emerson	6
James Anthony Griffith ..	18 May, 1894	Prince of Wales	14
John Stewart	2 February, 1894..	Kinistino	16
Seymour Noel De P. Green	20 November, 1894	Moose Jaw	26
George Walter Ullyott	19 January, 1894..	Manitou	30
Ralph Edward Smith	13 February, 1894	Qu'Appelle	34
Donald Frazer	8 January, 1894 ..	North Star	41
James Hazlett	14 May, 1894	North Star	41
James Carroll	16 June, 1894	Cascade	42
Clarence E. Pineo	17 April, 1894	Lebanon..	43

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

When Elected.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Senior Wardens.	Grand Junior Wardens.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.	Grand Registrars.	Grand Chaplains.
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1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson..	G. F. Newcomb....	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell....	J. W. Harris	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb	James Henderson..	John W. Harris.	....	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell....	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	G. F. Newcomb	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ..	*F. T. Bradley	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell ...	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ..	R. McQuaig..	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell....	‡James Munroe ..	Rev. James Flett.
1880	John H. Bell	.....	* Hon. G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor ..	‡ J. J. Johnson	Wm G. Scott ..	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
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1882	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson.	....	‡ J. J. Johnson	.. ..	†D. G. Dick... ..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell	†D. B. Murray ..	R. McQuaig ...	†John Smith, M.D..	‡ J. J. Johnson ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	D. Young, M.D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
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1885	.....	†Alfred Pearson ..	P. McGregor ..	†Thos. Collins.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	†Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor ..	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. G. Bell.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Jas. S. Greig.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas ..	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Joseph Daniel....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell	Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson..	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	James A. Payne..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1890	James A. Ovas ...	Wm. G Bell.....	†T. McPherson..	Fred. L. Newman ..	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell.....	*John W. H. Wilson	Rich'd D. Foley	John Leslie	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	James G. Dagg ..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	*John W. H. Wilson	D. J. Goggin.....	F. G. Lewin....	Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. A. Windatt.	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thomas Robinson.	Thomas Tweed..	Corbet Locke	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	J. H. Munson....	Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed	Charles N. Bell ..	Corbet Locke ..	Hugh U. Bain.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell	Corbet Locke ...	James Leslie....	G. B. Murphy.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	John Chambers ...	Rev. C. B. Pitblado

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M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, *Chairman.*

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R.·. W.·. Bro. F. L. Newman, W.·. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin.

On Credentials and Reception.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, *Chairman.*

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie, R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris,
R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten, W.·. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara.	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895

From the United Kingdom.

England	Alfred Pearson	Toronto, Ont.	March 17, 1886
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 6, 1894

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	November 30, 1888
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie	December 26, 1883
California	Fred. Leslie Newman.	Portage la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	November 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg	January 11, 1889
Distr't of Columbia.	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	November 27, 1888
Florida	Rev S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thos. Lewis Morton.	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg	August 28, 1876
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Brandon	December 20, 1892
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt	Portage la Prairie	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicol	Neepawa	December 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	May 16, 1888
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd	Minnedosa	February 12, 1891
Montana	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 22, 1875
Nebraska	Rich'd Dennis Foley	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	Corbet Locke	Morden	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	November 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	November 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	Duncan J. Campbell	Macleod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	December 15, 1883
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Fred'k L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Winnipeg	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa.	March 15, 1879
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 12, 1885
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1891
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assa.	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Dan'l H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
New Zealand	Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat	February 25, 1893
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885
Victoria	F. G. Lewin	Moosomin	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia ..	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick ...	Donald Munroe	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	Thomas A. McLean..	Charlottetown ..	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	September 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England.....	Thomas Fenn.....	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	Geo. W. Shannon...	Dublin	December 30, 1890
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh.....	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael..	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver..	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson.....	Hope	January 5, 1887
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut	George W. Bentley ..	New London....	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson ..	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
Dis't of Columbia.	James P. Pearson	Washington	August 16, 1880
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh ..	Tallahassee	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho.....	Martin Cathcart.....	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory...	W. Wiley Stewart....	Caddo	September 5, 1879
Iowa	Geo. M. VanLeuven..	Lime Springs ...	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana.....	Augustus M. Mayo ...	Lake Charles....	May 1, 1895
Maine.....	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	November 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	Joseph Carpenter	Gold Hill	October 2, 1893
New Hampshire	Josph Kidder	Manchester	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Burlington	November 23, 1894
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts	New York	December 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	C. F. Baldwin	Mount Vernon	March 7, 1893
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette	
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Danridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsiciana	September 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	September 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	April 10, 1891
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukie	March 27, 1884

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	William H. Tulloh	Sidney	October 30, 1889
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	November 24, 1887
New Zealand	Hon. Henry Feldwick.	Auckland	December 10, 1892
South Australia	James Magor Symons	Moonta	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	February 16, 1891

LIST OF GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario)	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	F. W. Wisdom	St. John's.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Ireland	Arch'd St. George, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida	Albert J. Russell	Jacksonville,
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Charles C. Stevenson	Boise City.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka Choctaw Nat'n.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, Dw'r 81.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Mas. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, Mas. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. Temple.
North Carolina	John C Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinatti.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, P.O. Box 275.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 780.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	J. V. Bidgood	Richmond.
Washington	Themas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

AUSTRALASIA.

New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson	Auckland, Mas. Inst.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
United Grand Lodge, N.S.W.	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

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Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the rooms of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at the City of Winnipeg, on the forenoon of Thursday, August 15th, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1).....Grand Master.
R.·. " " Thomas Robinson (10)..... as Deputy Grand Master.
M.·. " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), as Grand Senior Warden.
V.·. " " Herman Joseph Eberts (10).... as Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. " " James Johnson White (25) .....D. D. Grand Master.
" " " John McKechnie (1) .....Grand Treasurer.
M.·. " " William George Bell (3)..... as Grand Secretary.
R.·. " " John Chambers (3) .....Grand Registrar.
V.·. " " Thomas William Taylor (4) .....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " John Fletcher Mitchell (25) ... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Henry Norlande Ruttan (10)..as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
" " Edgar William Rugg (3) ... .as Grand Organist.
V.·. " " James Alexander Carley (25)..... as Grand Steward.
" T. Harry Webb (1) . ..... as Grand Steward.
W.·. " Matthew McClintock Duffie (3)..... Grand Pursuivant.
" John McBride (1)..... Grand Tyler.

and members of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1; Lisgar Lodge, No. 2; Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3; St. John's Lodge, No. 4; Emerson Lodge, No. 6; Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7; King Solomon Lodge, No. 8; Northern Light Lodge, No. 10; Stonewall Lodge, No. 12; Battle Lodge, No. 38, and others.

Grand Lodge Opened.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* by M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master, who informed the Grand Lodge that the object of calling the Special Communication was for the purpose of laying, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of a building to be erected by the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, on the corner of Donald and Ellice Streets.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren, preceded by a band of music, marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the M.·.W.·. Grand Master and Grand Officers were received by the Directors of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, and took proper and convenient positions near where the corner stone was to be laid.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, President of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, then presented the M.·.W.·. Grand Master with an address of welcome, to which M.·.W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell replied in fitting terms.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, then offered a prayer imploring that the building might be completed without accident, and that it might perform a useful service to the Craft and the Community.

Immediately after the conclusion of the prayer the choir sang the following ode :

How dear the place where brothers true
Their holy pledge of Faith renew!
Let notes of love responsive rise,
From East to West—to farthest skies.

While here sweet Hope its presence bears,
No fear indulged, no anxious cares,
Let notes of love responsive rise,
From East to West—to farthest skies.

May gentle Charity here find
United Friends and brothers kind,
Let notes of love responsive rise,
From East to West—to farthest skies.

To him, our Master, throned in light,
Let every voice in praise unite ;
Let notes of love responsive rise,
From East to West—to farthest skies.

The Acting Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell, then read the following scroll about to be deposited in the cavity in the stone :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 15th Day of August, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895,

And in the 59th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, EARL OF ABERDEEN, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. SIR JOHN SCHULTZ, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

The Honorable SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL, K.C.M.G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable THOMAS GREENWAY, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

His Worship THOMAS GILROY, Mayor of Winnipeg.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. James Leslie, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. James Johnson White, District Deputy Grand Master District No. 1.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott, Grand Secretary.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers, Grand Registrar.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles Bruce Pitblado, Grand Chaplain.

The Corner Stone

OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE

Is laid in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft, by M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, a body duly incorporated the 29th day of March, 1895, by Special Act of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

The Directors of the said Association for the current year being:
Thomas William Taylor, President.
John McKechnie, Vice-President.
John Obed Smith, Secretary-Treasurer.
Charles Napier Bell, William George Bell, John Myles O'Loughlin, John Walter Harris, John Leslie, James Haddock, James Johnson White, and Charles Henry Enderton.

Architect of the building: George Browne.
Contractors: Rourke & Cass.

The following scroll, prepared by the Masonic Temple Association, was read by the Secretary-Treasurer W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith.

The Corner Stone

Of this building now being erected by the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, is, on this fifteenth day of August, 1895, in the year of Masonry, 5895, duly laid in *ample form* by M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Grand Officers and other members of the Grand Lodge, and the officers and members of the various Lodges in the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba.

The following are the Masonic bodies in the City of Winnipeg forming the Association:

Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, G.R.M.
Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, G.R.M.
St. John's Lodge, No. 4, G.R.M.
Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, G.R.M.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G.R.M.
Prince Rupert's Chapter, No. 52, R.A.M., G.R.C.
Signet Chapter, No. 105, R.A.M., G.R.C.
Albert Edward Perceptory, No. 24, Knights Templar.
Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection, A. & A.S.R.
Bethesda Chapter Rose Croix, A. & A.S.R.
Manitoba Consistory, A. & A.S.R.

R.·.W.·. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, placed a box in the cavity of the stone, containing the parchment scrolls and the following :

A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F.&.A.M.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the current year.

By-Laws of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1 ; Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3 ; St. John's Lodge, No. 4 ; Northern Light Lodge, No. 10 ; and Ionic Lodge, No. 25.

Copies of the Daily and Weekly Manitoba Free Press, Daily and Weekly Tribune, Daily and Weekly Nor'-Wester, The Commercial, The Western World, The North-West Farmer, Waghorn's Guide, Stovel's Guide, The Canadian Craftsman, and The Freemason (Toronto), also current coins of Canada.

The following verse was sung, led by the choir :

Round the spot, Moriah's hill—
Masons meet with cheerful will ;
Him who stood as King that day,
We as cheerfully obey;
Lord we love thy glorious name,
Give the grace Thou gavest them.

The architect of the building, Bro. George Browne, then presented to the M.·.W.·. Grand Master the plans of the proposed building and the working tools to be used.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, President of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, then presented the M.·.W.·. Grand Master with a silver trowel, having engraved thereon the following inscription :

Presented to

CHARLES NAPIER BELL, ESQ.,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.,
on the occasion of laying the Corner Stone of the

MASONIC TEMPLE,

—erected by—

THE MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION OF WINNIPEG,
At Winnipeg, August 15th, 1895.

The stone was then lowered with three distinct stops into its proper place. At the end of each stop the choir sang one of the following verses :

Round the spot thus chosen well,
Brothers, with a fraternal hail
Gather in your mystic ring,
Mystic words and Joyful sing ;
Lord, our hearts, our souls are Thine,
On our labors deign to shine.

Round the spot may Plenty reign,—
Peace, with spirit all benign ;
Unity, the golden three—
Here their influence ever be,
Lord, the jewels of Thy store,
Send them bounteous, flowing o'er.

Round the spot where now we stand,
Soon will stand another band ;
We to other worlds must go,
Called by Him we trust below ;
Lord, Thy Spirit grant, that they,
All Thy counsel may obey.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master addressed the Acting Grand Officers as follows :

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper jewel of your office ?

D.G.M.—The Square.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

D.G.M.—To square our actions by the square of VIRTUE, and prove our work,

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the Foundation Stone which needs to be proved, and make report.

The R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master applied the Square to the stone, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

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The R.·. W.·. the Grand Junior Warden applied the Plumb, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master I find the stone is plumb, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G.M.—This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skilfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Deputy Grand Master came forward with the vessel of corn which he scattered on the stone, saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

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All the Brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Grand Master then delivered the following invocation, all the Brethren remaining uncovered :

May the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this undertaking ; protect the workmen from accident ; long preserve the structure from decay and ruin ; and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.

The Brethren responded--" So mote it be."

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master advancing struck the stone three times with the gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then delivered over to the architect the implements of architecture, saying :

Worthy Brother, having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

The choir then sang the following ode :

Now our festive joys are ending,
And we all again must part—
Ere we go our voices blending,
Give the tribute of the heart ;
Offer thanks with grateful feeling,
For our Father's love and grace,
For the truths like plants of healing,
For the wounds of all our race.

Let us each the lessons heeding,
Of this holy festal time,
Strive by earnest prayer and teaching,
To possess the truth sublime,
Truth that kindles like the shining
Of the stars when eve sets in,
Truth far better for divining,
Than the rods and charts of men.

Now farewell, but ere retreating,
Let us here in union strong,
Vow we will not live defeating
All that prompts to turn from wrong,
Then at last, on high ascending,
Shall our anthems joyous rise,
With angelic voices blending,
Far above yon azure skies.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then ascended the platform and addressed the officers of Grand Lodge and the Brethren and those assembled, as follows :

Men, women and children here assembled,—be it known unto you all that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practise universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have among us secrets faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We have assembled here this day, in accordance with our immemorial customs, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that He may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the Masons of this city.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara, then delivered an address of which the following is a synopsis :

"Officers of the Grand Lodge, Brethren and Fellow Citizens :

"A few minutes ago it was my privilege to pour forth upon our corner stone the wine of joy and gladness. What I did then in symbol I wish now to do in speech. I wish very heartily to congratulate two

classes upon the event of to-day. First I wish to congratulate the Masonic Temple Association. I congratulate them on the courage which conceived the idea of erecting this building. It is no light thing in these hard times that a comparatively small and by no means wealthy body of men should erect such a building as this is to be, a building to be erected and maintained solely by the Masonic body themselves. I further congratulate the Association on the skill and energy displayed in bringing this work to its present condition. When we bethink us of the difficulties that had to be met before reaching the point of progress at which we stand, I am sure that I am voicing the sentiments of this great gathering when I sincerely congratulate the members on the splendid success which has crowned their efforts. But I congratulate them on something else and that is, the service they have rendered to Freemasonry. To the true Mason, the fleeting years, as they hurry swiftly by, bring no more valued blessing than the recurring opportunity of doing something for the glory of his God, the good of his fellowmen, or the honor of our Ancient and Illustrious Craft. The widespread and increasing benefits which will accrue to the craft, both in the city and whole jurisdiction, are so many and so manifest that I need not detail them. There is a second class whom I would congratulate on the event of to-day, and that is, the people of this city and Province. I hold the event we have just celebrated to be pregnant with important benefits to the whole community. I have no doubt that you all heartily joined me when I prayed that God would bestow upon our country increasingly the priceless blessings of religion, freedom and progress. For that prayer the erection of this building is at once an earnest of its answer, and one of the most helpful means for its accomplishment. Religion has no firmer friend than Freemasonry rightly understood and rightly lived out in the lives of its members. Freedom, political, social and moral, has no more ardent champion than Freemasonry. We prayed too, that progress might prevail, and God is even now answering our prayers. This golden sunshine, this cloudless summer sky, these warm winds, all tell us that God is preparing for us such material progress and prosperity as will indeed fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness and will reveal to a wakening world the illimitable possibilities of the greatest granary the world has ever known. But even in the very noontide of our prosperity let us not forget that something more goes to make true progress than mere material wealth. No doubt the plow wins great victories, but after all it's the man back of the plow that's going to make or mar the nation's destiny. The kind of wheat we turn out will have much to do in shaping our future, but it is the kind of man we turn out that is going to

tell the real tale of failure or success in this great new Canada of ours. And in the shaping of that true manhood, which is the very corner stone on which the temple of our national greatness must be built, Masonry is a force which it is impossible to over-estimate. If we consider the uses to which this building will be put, you will see that I do well to congratulate our citizens on this event. Here our members will come, and alike from the instructions of our order and from a well supplied library and reading room, they will gain the intellectual culture so helpful to real progress. Here, learning ever fresh lessons of charity, toleration and mutual forbearance, they will pass out into the world to carry them wherever they go. Here they will come, and, bound closer and closer in the bonds of the most real brotherhood the world knows, they will form a uniting force that will cement more and more the alas too-divided sections of our community. Here they will meet and devise wise and kindly plans by which gently, silently, but none the less effectually, they will dry the widows' tears, hush the orphan's sob and pour the balm of a generous compassion into the bleeding wounds of the needy and distressed. Here they will meet and by the Divine aid they will atune their souls and lives to nobler harmonies caught from the lofty utterances and the sublime moral principles and teachings of our ancient and honorable craft."

The national anthem was then sung, after which the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge room.

Grand Lodge Closed.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* at 12 o'clock noon.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall at the town of Edmonton, District of Alberta, on the afternoon of Monday, August 26th, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, at 4 o'clock.

PRESENT :

V.·.W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter (53) ... .as Grand Master.
" " Hedley Clarence Taylor (53) . ..as Deputy Grand Master.
" Robert Binning Ferguson (53).. as Grand Senior Warden.
" Edward Ainsley Braithwaite (53) as Grand Junior Warden.
" John A. McDougall (53).....as Grand Treasurer.
" James McDonald (53)..... as Grand Secretary.
" Rev. Alfred Stunden .....as Grand Chaplain.
" Nathan George Flater (53)..... as Grand Senior Deacon.
" Kenneth Archibald McLeod (53), as Grand Junior Deacon.
" Thomas Hourston (53)...as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Joseph Hursell (53) .. ..as Grand Steward.
" James Ross (53) ....as Grand Pursuivant.
" John Coleman (53)..... as Grand Tyler.

and members of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1; Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3 ; Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, and others.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* by V.·.W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter, who announced that this Special

Communication of Grand Lodge was for the purpose of laying with the Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of All Saint's Church (Anglican).

The procession having been properly formed marched to the site of the building ; on arrival the acting Grand Master and Grand Officers were received by the Rector and office-bearers of the church, and took proper and convenient postures where the corner stone was to be laid.

The Acting Grand Chaplain Bro. Rev. Alfred Stunden, then invoked a blessing, and the Acting Grand Secretary, Bro. James McDonald, then read the following scroll about to be deposited in the cavity in the stone :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 26th Day of August, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895,

And in the 59th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable CHARLES H. MACKINTOSH, Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Deputy Grand Master.
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R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, Grand Junior Warden.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Frederick English, District Deputy Grand Master District No. 9.

H. C. Wilson, Mayor of Edmonton.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor, W.·. Master Edmonton Lodge, No. 53.

Bro. Robert Binning Ferguson, Senior Warden.

Bro. Edward Ainslie Braithwaite, Junior Warden.

The Right Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, D.D., Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary.

Rev. Alfred Stunden, B.A., Rector of All Saints' Church.

G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, E. C. Emery, T. W. Lines, E. A. Braithwaite, A. R. B. Hearn, G. H. Graydon, and T. W. Chalmers, Building Committee.

Edmeston & Flater, Architects.
Clark & Follett, Contractors.

The Corner Stone

OF ALL SAINTS' Church,

was laid by V.·.W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter, on behalf of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, assisted by the Acting Grand Officers, and in the presence of a concourse of brethren and citizens, with the usual ceremonies of the Craft.

The Acting Grand Treasurer, Bro. John A. McDougall, then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, with a box containing certain records.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the Acting Grand Master by the Rector of All Saints' Church.

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The procession was then re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge Room.

Grand Lodge Closed.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Twenty-first Annual Communication of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, June 10th, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, at 8.20 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1).....Grand Master.
R.·. " " Corbet Locke (13) .....Deputy Grand Master.
" " " John Leslie (1)..... as Grand Senior Warden.
" " " George B. Murphy (35) ..... Grand Junior Warden.
" " " James Johnson White (25).....D. D. Grand Master.
" " " George Elgin Laidlaw (9) .....D. D. Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Frederick English (60) ....D. D. Grand Master.
" " " John McKechnie (1) .....Grand Treasurer.
" " " William George Scott (1) .....Grand Secretary.
" " " John Chambers (3) .....Grand Registrar.
M.·. " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D. (1) as Grand Chaplain.
V.·. " " Thomas William Taylor (4) .....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " Henry James Pugh (43) .....Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " William Edward Hazley (3).....as Grand Organist.
" " " Alexander Lunham Young (27) ....Grand Steward.
" " " William Crawford (31) ....Grand Steward.
" " " Robert Stirton Thornton (40)..... ....Grand Steward.
" " William Biggar Muir (52) .....as Grand Steward.

W.·. Bro. Harry H. Campkin (33) ....as Grand Steward.
" " William Wilson (43).. ..... as Grand Steward.
" " Hamilton Lang (26)..... .....as Grand Steward.
" " John Wemyss (24).....as Grand Steward.
R.·. " " John McGuirl (35) ....as Grand Pursuivant.
" John McBride (1) ... . Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10).....Past Grand Master.
" " " John Headley Bell (3).....Past Grand Master.
" " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....Past Grand Master.
" " " James Alexander Ovas (15) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " William George Bell (3) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Tweed (31)..... Past Grand Master.
R.·. " " James Henderson (3).....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " William George Scott (1)... Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Robinson (10) .....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Simon Duffin (3) .... Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Andrew James Belch (4) ...Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Frederick Leslie Newman (7) Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " John Leslie (1).....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William John Ptolemy (4) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Albert Harrison Van Ettan (3).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Leslie (1) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40)..... ....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John McGuirl (35)..... ....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Archibald St. Clair McGregor (11) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Thomas Alfred Cuddy (14) ....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Thompson Black (4).... .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Colwell (19).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Duncan Baine (36)..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Rev. Henry Longford Watts (43).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Andrew Payne (4) .....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " William Andrew Windatt (3) ....Past Grand Registrar.

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges :

Arkansas .....R.·. W.·. Bro. Mathew McClintock Duffie.
Arizona .... " " " James Andrew Payne.
California ...." " " Frederick Leslie Newman.

Canada	M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Delaware	R.	"	"	Alexander James Belch.
District of Columbia	"	"	"	Thomas Alfred Cuddy.
Florida	M.	"	"	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Idaho	"	"	"	John Headley Bell.
Illinois	R.	"	"	John Leslie.
Ireland	"	"	"	William George Scott.
Kansas	M.	"	"	James Alexander Ovas.
Louisiana	R.	"	"	James Johnson White.
Michigan	"	"	"	John McKechnie.
Mississippi	M.	"	"	William George Bell.
Montana	"	"	"	John Headley Bell.
Nevada	R.	"	"	Corbet Locke.
New Jersey	"	"	"	William John Ptolemy.
New Zealand	M.	"	"	Thomas Tweed.
Nova Scotia	"	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara.
Ohio	R.	"	"	Willard Cooke Copeland.
Peru	M.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell.
Quebec	R.	"	"	James Thompson Black.
Scotland	M.	"	"	John Headley Bell.
South Carolina	R.	"	"	William Andrew Windatt.
South Dakota	"	"	"	Frederick Leslie Newman.
Wisconsin	"	"	"	Thomas Robinson.
Wyoming	"	"	"	Simon Duffin.

And the Following Past Masters:

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William George Scott (1)
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)
M.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)
	"	"	John Obed Smith (1)
R.	"	"	John Leslie (1)
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M.	"	"	William George Bell (3)
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	"	"	Andrew McDiarmid (3)
R.	"	"	John Chambers (3)
	"	"	Edgar William Rugg (3)
	"	"	Joseph Cornell (3)

R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)
" " Benjamin Smeed (3)
" " Andrew Schmidt (3)
" " John Thomas Colton (3)
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" " " Alexander A. Aird (4)
" " Samuel Gibson Getty Thompson (4)
" " Thomas William Taylor (4)
" " Coulson Nicholas Mitchell (4)
R. " " Rev. William John Garton (6)
" " " Frederick Leslie Newman (7)
" " John Pringle Young (7)
" " Henry Robert Whitworth (8)
R. " " George Elgin Laidlaw (9)
M. " " Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson (10)
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" " " Frederick Stephen Procter (32)
" " Harry H. Campkin (33)
R. " " John McGuirl (35)
" " " George B. Murphy (35)
" " James Montgomery (35)
R. " " James Duncan Baine (36)

W.·. Bro. John Sutherland McKay (36)
R. " " James Edwin Maynard (40)
V. " " Robert Stirton Thornton (40)
" " Hascall Ransford (42)
R. " " Henry Longford Watts (43)
" " Herbert Hanks Goulter (43)
V. " " Henry James Pugh (43)
" " Martin Skolrood (48)
" " Donald MacLean (49)
" " Finlay McNaughton Young (50)
" " William Biggar Muir (52)
R. " " Thomas Frederick English (60)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), Acting Grand Chaplain.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10), the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas (15), the minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twentieth Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on the 12th and 13th days of June, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, copies of which were printed and forwarded to the subordinate lodges, and the minutes of the Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, held at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on the 15th day of August, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, and at the Town of Edmon-

ton, District of Alberta, on the 26th day of August, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895, and entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, were taken as read and each therein confirmed.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

A deputation of Masters from the Lodges in the City of Winnipeg was announced, introduced and presented an address of welcome to which the M.·. W.·. Grand Master replied in fitting terms.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Napier Bell, then read his annual address as follows :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Our portals are guarded and Grand Lodge is open for its twenty-first Annual Communication. Let us then bend in gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for favors already received, and may He continue to preserve our Order by cementing and adorning it with every social and moral virtue. Let us, before we take up the work of this Communication, pause and reflect upon the serious responsibility that rests on each one of us, when we assume to legislate for the best welfare of the Craft. May our proceedings thus commenced in order, be conducted in peace and closed in harmony.

As required by the Constitution I now present to you my address setting forth my official acts during the past year, and such suggestions regarding matters relating to the interests of the Craft, as seem to me to be called for at the present time.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Official notice has reached me of the deaths of the following distinguished brethren who were prominent members of the Craft in sister jurisdictions :—

R.·. W.·. Bro. William Bryan Isaacs, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, died 9th June, 1895.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Owen Hickman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, died 20th July, 1895.

M.·. W.·. Bro. John Clark Hazlett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, died 3rd October, 1895.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Michael Shoemaker, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, died 10th November, 1895.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. George Washington Dame, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, died 24th December, 1895.

M.·. W.·. Bro. George Enoch Dowling, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, died 30th March, 1896.

M.·. W.·. Bro. John E. Jones, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, died 10th April, 1896.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Michael Nisbet, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, died 7th May, 1896.

The notices conveying to us information of the death of these brethren contain records of lives nobly spent, and evidence of the great affection held in the several jurisdictions for the deceased. As a testimonial of our sympathy and regret for the loss of such active workers for good, I recommend that a memorial page to their memory be inserted in our printed proceedings.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES.

While officially visiting Calgary on the 6th August, 1895, I constituted Perfection Lodge No. 60, being assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. T. F. English, D. D. G. M., and the brethren of Bow River Lodge No. 28.

I granted delegated authority for the constitution of other Lodges as follows:

Innisfail Lodge No. 58, Innisfail, Alberta.
North West Mounted Police Lodge No. 61, Regina, Assa.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Good cause being presented to me, I granted dispensations for the holding of Lodges U. D. as follows:

At Red Deer, District of Alberta.

At the last Annual Communication this Grand Lodge granted a charter for a Lodge at Red Deer, but owing to circumstances which arose, and the fact that the Lodge was not constituted within the time specified by the Constitution, the charter lapsed, and I decided to issue a new dispensation to enable them to work until this Communication.

At Russell, Manitoba,
At Holland, Manitoba.
At Alexander, Manitoba.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. will, no doubt, report on the work and state of these Lodges.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have granted dispensations during the year, the details of which will be given in the Grand Secretary's report. Summarily stated they comprised:

To wear regalia at Divine Service..... 17
To permit installation of officers of a lodge with those of a lodge in another local jurisdiction 1

To hold special election, the regular date falling on Christmas day 2
To hold special election of officers..... 1
To hold special installation of officers 3
To initiate candidate from jurisdiction of another lodge, jurisdiction having been waived 2
To wear regalia at lectures and at social gatherings in lodge room where dancing was not carried on 5
To confirm work irregularly done on December 27th, 1894, in advancing candidate before interval of one month..... 1
To re-ballot on a rejected candidate as provided by the Constitution 1
To elect a Worshipful Master to fill a vacancy..... 1

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You will notice that, as usual, at least one-half of the dispensations granted were for permission to attend Divine Service in regalia. Brethren, in my opinion either no dispensation should issue for this purpose, or all lodges should regularly, by Constitutional enactment, be permitted under simple regulations, to enjoy this privilege, for it has become a recognized custom in this Grand Jurisdiction for Lodges to attend Divine Service in celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, or at some other date. A proposed amendment to the Constitution in respect to this matter has been made for consideration at this Communication.

For years my worthy predecessors in the Grand East, have positively declined to grant dispensations to Lodges to appear in regalia at balls or dancing parties of any kind, whether such entertainments were to be held in Lodge rooms or elsewhere. From the number of applications, official and private, made to me during the past year, it would appear to me that the Grand Lodge should, by resolution, distinctly define its will in regard to this matter, so that my successors will have a decided answer to make when it is urged that it is a common practice in some other Grand Jurisdictions to issue dispensations for the wearing of regalia at gatherings of Masons for indulging in this description of social enjoyment.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

I positively refused a dispensation to allow several candidates to receive the three degrees at one and the same time, the request being made on the ground that the candidates were required to complete the

number of Master Masons necessary to petition for a dispensation to establish a Lodge U.D.

I refused a dispensation to a Lodge to appear in regalia at a church service to be held jointly with several benevolent societies.

I refused a dispensation to a Lodge to confer the second and third degrees on a candidate at one meeting, the plea advanced being that the brother resided one hundred miles distant from the place where the Lodge meets.

DECISIONS.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, having asked for my decision as to whether it is necessary that seven Master Masons should be present to open a Master Mason's Lodge, I gave the following :

Our Constitution requires that seven Master Masons must sign a petition for a dispensation to hold a Lodge U.D., the evident intent being that no less number must be present.

Our business in this jurisdiction is conducted in the M.M. degree, and a very slight study of either of the rituals authorized for use in this jurisdiction reveals the fact that unless seven Master Masons are present the work cannot properly be performed.

I therefore rule that it is the intent of the Constitution and rituals that seven Master Masons be present to open a Lodge.

I was asked to rule as to the proper course to be pursued in a case where a brother was elected as Secretary of a Lodge but refused to act. I decided that article 219 was quite broad enough to meet such a case, and that the Lodge, after placing such business on the notices sent out for a regular meeting, could elect a new Secretary without securing a special dispensation for the purpose. Article 204 clearly defines that it is only in the case of the election of a Worshipful Master or Warden to fill a vacancy that a dispensation from the Grand Master is required.

HEALING OF CLANDESTINE MASONS.

An application having been made to me by Bro.——a clandestine made Mason, to be regularly healed, I referred the petition to the D.D.G.M. of the Winnipeg District for report. The report returned me being exceedingly favorable to the applicant, and accompanied by a dimit from the clandestine Lodge in which the brother was initiated, I required him to pay to the Grand Secretary a fee of ten dollars, and in Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, on the eveuiug of the 19th of May,

1896, assisted by several Grand Lodge Officers, I regularly healed him and caused the Grand Secretary to issue a certificate which constitutes him an unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing.

Brother,————————, was healed by me at a meeting of Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, when I made an official visit on the 25th May, 1896, the same forms adopted in the former case having been complied with.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have done my best to meet with the members of this jurisdiction in their own Lodge rooms, and have managed to visit a large number of the Lodges. From Banff in the west to Winnipeg in the east, from Edmonton in the north to Fort Macleod in the south, points hundreds of miles apart, I have been handed the gavel and met with large numbers of broadminded, earnest and hospitable Masons.

Everywhere I met with the greatest personal kindness, and received the honors cheerfully paid to me as your representative. To those Lodges I have been unable to visit I can only say that my best efforts were exerted and I could do no more. One thing that struck me particularly when visiting, was the excellent feeling existing on the part of members towards their officers, and the earnest desire evinced that all that was best in the teachings of the Order should be taken to heart by each individual for the practical betterment of himself and those about him. A genuine love for our Ancient Order I found everywhere.

I was much pleased to learn that in many instances throughout our jurisdiction the buildings occupied by our Lodges are owned by themselves, and that where they occupy but a part of such buildings, rents from the remainder afford a handsome revenue to the owning body. No greater tribute to the permanent character of our institution than this action of our members could well be paid. With but few exceptions I found the Lodge rooms in use to be comfortable and well furnished. In every case where I have visited a Lodge I gave an address or lecture on some Masonic subject. To illustrate how extensive our jurisdiction now is, and the difficulty your Grand Masters experience in visiting, I may say that on one trip when I was absent from home for two weeks I travelled about 2,300 miles by rail and stage, made nine official and two unofficial visits, constituted a Lodge and delivered eight lectures or addresses.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO GRAND LODGE.

During the past year, for reasons explained, I appointed the following Special Committees:

ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICE.—As the result of a discussion which took place at a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, I appointed a committee to report on any alterations they might deem advisable to be made in the Funeral Service form now in use. It was suggested that the present service, while impressive and beautiful, is in practice too lengthy for use at the grave side in severe weather.

REGALIA.—The Constitution provides, in Clauses 127 and 128, the regalia to be worn by the officers and members of subordinate Lodges, but in Clause 128 an exception is made in the following words:—"Sections 127 and 128 not to apply to Lodges that have adopted a regalia, nor to Prince Rupert Lodge, &c." The difficulty has arisen that the Lodges included in the exemption have never been definitely declared or any description of the regalia adopted by them, registered in the Grand Secretary's office. I appointed a committee to endeavor to find out what Lodges are exempt under Clause 128 and a description of the regalia these Lodges claimed the right to wear. The Committee will present its report to you for consideration and for any action you may desire to take.

LODGES OF SORROW CEREMONIES.

While the Grand Secretary will report to you a list of our own dead, I have to bring to your notice that many brethren throughout this jurisdiction have spoken to me on the subject of the advisability of this Grand Lodge preparing and authorizing for use in this jurisdiction, a form of ceremonial for Lodges of Sorrow. It seems to me that a simple ceremonial in connection with occasional gatherings in our lodge rooms for the remembrance of our dead could be adopted by this Grand Lodge, and that such gatherings would be productive of much good.

RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

No cloud, even so small as the size of a man's hand, has arisen on the horizon of our relations with foreign jurisdictions. At one time during last year it almost appeared that the two great English speaking nations of the world would seriously enter into an open quarrel. At the meeting of the Winnipeg Lodges on the 27th December last, St. John's Day, the following resolution was, on a standing vote, unanimously passed by the large gathering of brethren:

"Whereas the sacred teachings of Freemasonry were first introduced into this city and thence spread throughout the North-West Territories of the Dominion of Canada, under the auspices of the military Lodge at Fort Pembina owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge

of Minnesota, and the said Grand Lodge granted a Charter to Northern Light Lodge at Fort Garry, now the City of Winnipeg, in 1867, and—

Whereas the brethren of this city and jurisdiction have always cherished with kindly remembrance the fraternal action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota,

Therefore be it Resolved:—That the Masons of Winnipeg, now assembled, do hereby request the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to convey to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the brethren of his jurisdiction, the sincere wish and hope of the Masons of Winnipeg, and of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, that the fraternal bond of harmony and sympathy so happily inaugurated by the brethren of the military Lodge at Fort Pembina, may never be disturbed, and to accept from the Masons of this city and jurisdiction, greetings of good will for the New Year."

I need scarcely say that I most cheerfully complied with the request of the Winnipeg brethren and a copy of the above resolution was forwarded to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. That Grand Body held its Annual Communication early in January, and the Grand Master reported the receipt of my communication in his address with the result that a committee reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the fraternal greeting from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, report that the kindly expressions of love and unity received from the brethren of another, and in one sense, a foreign jurisdiction, have touched a responsive chord in the heart of every Minnesota Mason. We desire to assure our brethren of Manitoba that neither wars nor rumors of wars can break the chains that bind us in a common brotherhood, but that amid the exigencies and changes of time we are indissolubly united with them in the grand work of endeavoring to elevate and ennoble mankind by the dissemination of the Divine principles of true fraternity. Alike in peace and war, we are brethren."

INTERCOURSE WITH FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

This Grand Lodge is in correspondence with but few Grand Lodges outside of the British Empire and the United States, indeed with none on the continent of Europe, and I have been asked to define the standing of our members when visiting in Jurisdictions where Grand Lodges exist which have not been formally recognized by us. I have had to state frankly that, as this Grand Lodge has never considered this feature of Masonic intercourse, I am unable to define its policy on this matter. If we have never formally recognized a Grand

Lodge, our members have, I take it, no means of knowing whether such body is a legitimate one, and the question arises, that even if admitted to subordinate Lodges in such a jurisdiction, have our members our permission or the right to enter into Masonic intercourse with brethren of such Grand Lodges unrecognized by us.

Again, if a Mason hailing from a Grand Lodge not formally recognized by this Grand Lodge, presents himself as a visitor at one of our Lodges, has the Master a right to permit him to enter after a proper and satisfactory examination has been had. In other words, if this Grand Lodge has not recogized by some official act or statement, the Grand Lodge from which this visitor hails, has the Worshipful Master of any subordinate Lodge the right to decide for himself whether such Grand Lodge is a legitimate one and that its Masons are to be freely received into our Lodges. Suppose that a visitor from a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of France desires to enter one of our Lodges, will this Grand Lodge permit the Worshipful Master of our subordinate Lodge to exercise his discretion as to the admission of this visitor? I am satisfied that the mass of our brethren know little of the status of Grand Lodges or Grand Orients in existence on the Continent of Europe beyond the information conveyed to them in our own Annual Reports, and indeed, while it is not expressly stated in connection with the "List of Grand Lodges with the names and addresses of the Grand Secretaries" published for instance in our Annual Report of the year before last, that this Grand Lodge by no means guarantees or even admits the legitimacy of the bodies included in that list, I am afraid that many of our members might be misled into thinking that we do endorse the good standing in the Masonic world of these bodies. I notice in this list the name of the Grand Lodge of France, and this Grand Lodge certainly would never recognize that body, which has been officially repudiated by nearly every lawful Grand Lodge on the face of the globe. This list was not inserted in our report of last year, and I think the Grand Secretary acted very wisely in omitting it, though similar lists appear in the Proceedings of many other Grand Lodges.

I have thought it well to bring this matter to your attention, and would suggest that a special committee, or if considered best, the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, should be directed to gather all necessary information on this subject and submit the same in the form of a report at our next Annual Communication.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN ONTARIO.

It having been reported to me by Doric Lodge, No. 36, situated at Boissevain, that a person resident there who had applied to be initiated

in that Lodge and been rejected, had, during a visit to a village in Ontario, presented his application to a Lodge there and been initiated. I immediately, through the Grand Secretary, entered into correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario in regard to this complaint of Doric Lodge, and have to report that the facts as stated by Doric Lodge have been admitted. I have not, however, been informed if the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario has taken, or intends to take, any further action in this matter.

WINNIPEG MASONIC TEMPLE.

I am sure you all will be delighted with the handsome and commodious building in which we are now, for the first time meeting. It is, I believe, the only building in Canada erected and owned by Masons, which is exclusively devoted to Masonic purposes. It is a monument to the liberality and energy of the Winnipeg brethren. The rooms and large vault provided for Grand Lodge occupancy will, I am satisfied, be approved by you.

Assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and in the presence of several thousand people, I, as Grand Master, laid the corner stone of this temple on the 15th August last, and the brethren were in possession of their apartments on the 20th December. On the 27th December, at a large gathering of brethren, I had the pleasure, with all proper ceremonies, of dedicating the building to Freemasonry.

CONFIRMATION OF THE RANK OF P.D.D.G.M.

On the 17th April, I wrote to each of the District Deputy Grand Masters, informing them that I understood the sense of Grand Lodge to be that the recommendation of the Grand Master for the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master should only be made when the brother concerned should have fully carried out the duties imposed on him by the constitution. Three weeks ago I again wrote these officers that their reports were required to be in my hands on the 27th May. In some cases these communications have been ignored and I can only recommend to Grand Lodge that the rank of Past D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following, viz :

R.·. W.·. Bro. James Johnson White ..... District No. 1.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William James Cooper ..... " " 2.
R.·. W.·. Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw ..... " " 3.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander McNaughton ..... " " 4.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Lane ..... " " 5.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Arthur Lang ..... " " 7.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Frederick English ..... " " 9.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Thomas Finlay ..... " " 10.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

As required by Section 91 of the Constitution, I appointed one of the Auditors of Grand Lodge, naming M.·. W.·. Bro. George Black as such officer.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, brethren, having given you an account of my stewardship, I now only have to say that my one object has been to advance the best interests of our Order, which has as its aim the elevation of humanity, protection of the innocent and relief of the distressed, and I am anxious to vacate the Oriental chair in favor of the worthy brother you will elect to preside over our Grand Lodge for the ensuing term.

CHARLES N. BELL,
Grand Master.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. James Johnson White (25), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District No. One, I respectfully report as follows :—

Prince Rupert Lodge No. 1, Winnipeg: I visited this Lodge on 19th November last, and had the pleasure of seeing the E. A. degree conferred on three candidates. The work was performed by the W. M. and his officers in an efficient and impressive manner. The books and accounts are well kept. There are only five members in arrears for dues.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, Winnipeg: I visited this Lodge on 10th December last. Three candidates were initiated. The W. M. and his officers performed their work in their usual good style. Books and accounts correctly kept.

St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg : I visited this Lodge on December 4th last. W.·. Bro. C. N. Mitchell exemplified the work of the third degree on two candidates. The election of officers was held the same evening, and I was disappointed that the Lodge did not see its way clear to re-elect W.·. Bro. Mitchell as their W. M. as his work is the best I have ever seen in the York Rite. Books and accounts correct.

Emerson Lodge No. 6 : I visited this Lodge on May 21st. The M.M. degree was ably conferred on a candidate by the W. M. and officers, who are exceptionally well up in their work, and as R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton is Secretary of this Lodge it is needless to say that the books and accounts are well kept.

King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris: Owing to illness I was unable to visit this Lodge at the time appointed, 5th May, but the Grand Master went there on his visit and explained the cause of my absence. I have had no opportunity since, and sincerely regret this, but from information received from the Grand Master I believe this is a live Lodge and does good work.

Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg: I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting in January last. W.·. Bro. W. R. Ross conferred the E. A. degree on a candidate in a manner creditable to himself and the Lodge. Books and accounts correct. I am pleased to report that this Lodge has made steady progress since taking up its quarters in the new Temple.

Stonewall Lodge No. 12, Stonewall: I visited this Lodge on February 25th. They had no work, but the opening, closing and general business was conducted in good style. Books and accounts correct. The finances of the Lodge are in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the considerable expenditure for repairs to hall.

Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg: As this is the Lodge to which I belong, I have seen nearly all its working during the past year and am pleased to report that it is in good condition. Books and accounts correct.

East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna: I visited this Lodge on the 20th of May last. As the candidate for the F. C. degree was, through serious illness, unable to be present, the work of the degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers on a brother of the degree, and was well performed. Books and accounts exceptionally well kept.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2, Selkirk: Notified the Secretary that I intended visiting this Lodge officially at its regular meeting on June 1st and received in reply the following message by telegraph; "No meeting Lisgar Lodge to-night, officers absent."

On the 27th December, 1895, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, after the dedication of our new Temple, I had the honor (assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson and R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie), to install the officers of the five city Lodges. I might state here that the new quarters of Masonry in Winnipeg are all that could be desired.

Before this report will be published the Grand Lodge Library will be formally opened. The furniture is quite in keeping with the surroundings and too much praise cannot be given our indefatigable Grand Librarian R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott for the able and persistent manner in which he has collected some eight hundred volumes of bound books, comprising masonic works, history, fiction, etc., besides a large number of reports yet to be bound. The lectures in aid of the reading room by Bro. N. F. Davin, M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Dr. J. D. O'Meara and R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. C. B. Pitblado were not attended as their merits deserved. As they will be referred to by the Grand Librarian I will make no further comment.

Charges of unmasonic conduct and counter charges were referred to me which, I am pleased to state, were happily settled.

I cannot close this report without thanking the officers and brethren of the various Lodges in my district for the cordial assistance they have given me in the discharge of my duties and would here tender my thanks to W.·. Bro. H. Fry for his kind assistance as Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. WHITE,
D.D.G.M. District Number One.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Two, I respectfully report as follows :—

I have visited all the Lodges within this jurisdiction, and as far as possible investigated the position of each Lodge both financially and as to membership, the work being done in the Lodge and prospects of increase of membership, and report upon each of the Lodges as follows :—

Temple Lodge No. 49, McGregor : Several of the members of this Lodge are very enthusiastic in the work, but the district does not seem to afford sufficient material to build up the Lodge to the number that would be necessary to give the greatest success. The officers and members of the Lodge are in no way to blame for this condition of affairs ; possibly a change for the better in times might remove the difficulty. As the Lodge is at present composed it seems not to have sufficient members qualified to fill the different chairs without re-appointing those who have already held office. It does not seem to me in the best interests of the Lodge that degrees should be conferred by one person year after year without the Master qualifying himself to confer at least a portion of these degrees.

I regret requiring to report these facts regarding Temple Lodge, but a fair discharge of my duty requires that I should do so. I know that should the opportunity arise the members of the Lodge will make

every effort to increase the membership so that they may appear to be making some progress in Masonic work.

The financial state of the Lodge is satisfactory, their records well kept, and upon the occasion of my visit the third degree was well conferred by W.·. Bro. McLean. There was a good turn out of members, and all seemed anxious to forward the work to the best of their ability.

Neepawa Lodge No. 24, Neepawa: This Lodge still retains the American work, and on the occasion of my visit the third degree was very impressively conferred by W.·. Bro. James A. Davidson. I have also occasion to remark the hearty assistance and support given in the conferring of the degree under the American ritual by other officers and members of the Lodge. There has been a considerable addition of members to this Lodge in the last couple of years, and I was pleased to remark that most of the new members were young men taking a very enthusiastic part in the work. Almost every member of the Lodge was present on the occasion of my visit, and seemed to go very heartily into the work of the Lodge, and expressed the greatest hopes of increasing their members during the next year. The material added to the Lodge seems to be of very good quality.

The Lodge is in good financial condition and under capable and careful officers.

Assiniboine Lodge No 7, Portage la Prairie: I have visited this Lodge constantly being a member thereof, and also paid an official visit.

While the membership shows a considerable decrease in numbers this is altogether due to the fact that this Lodge has had a large membership, and allowed arrears to run too much behind hoping that the brethren in arrear would shortly liquidate their liabilities to the Lodge. Many of these members seem to be out of touch with masonic work, and recently a number of suspensions for non-payment of dues took place. The Lodge otherwise is in a healthy condition and has a considerable surplus in the bank; it has also a considerable sum to the credit of a benevolent fund which is kept entirely apart from Lodge funds. I am pleased to say that such fund has not been heavily called upon, but is always available in case of necessity.

This Lodge has a large number of Past Masters amongst its members, and always seems to have sufficient new material coming in to keep the chairs filled without returning those who have filled them in past years. On the occasion of my visit the second degree was con-

ferred by W.·. Bro. P. Whimster. I have constantly witnessed the conferring of degrees in this Lodge, and the same are very accurately carried out according to ritual.

Gladstone Lodge No. 11, Gladstone: This Lodge like that of Temple No. 49, is rather handicapped by not having sufficient material at hand. Their progress during the past year has been somewhat slow, although the members hope that the next year will show a decided gain in this respect. The Lodge has the advantage of having amongst its members many old and enthusiastic Masons, and should material be properly presented no doubt the Lodge will make material gains. The financial position is satisfactory and the work well performed.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. COOPER,

D.D.G.M. District Number Two.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Three, I respectfully report as follows:—

I have visited officially the following Lodges, viz:

Glenboro Lodge No. 48; Treherne Lodge No. 51; Holland Lodge U.D. and Oakland Lodge No. 9, and find Masonry prosperous in this district and in all probability three Lodges will be added to our district this year, viz: Baldur, Miami and Roland.

Glenboro Lodge No. 48, Glenboro: I visited this Lodge May 21st at a special meeting called at my request. I find since last year this Lodge has grown in numbers considerably and financially is in good condition, having a balance on hand of over one hundred dollars, with good regalia, working tools and charts. The officers are well skilled in the work and a deep love of the craft prevails. The Secretary's books are very neatly kept, the only thing lacking being his failure to notify me of the regular meetings.

Treherne Lodge No. 51, Treherne: I visited this Lodge on May 23rd, but the members having failed to convene I visited the Lodge

room next morning with the W. M., Bro. J. K. Robson. They have very good regalia, working tools and some charts. I did not see the books but was informed that they were not behind financially. I am forced to report that the fraternal condition of the Lodge is at a low ebb, but the W. M. has promised to issue the notices and have regular meetings the remainder of the year, the Secretary being at Rathwell. I enquired why the report was not sent in to the Grand Secretary last December as required by the Constitution and found that the Secretary having moved away Bro. Hicks had to get the books and make out the report.

Holland Lodge U. D., Holland: I instituted this Lodge Nov. 27th, 1895, and placed the officers in their positions. That night I was very favorably impressed with the choice of officers and have found since no reason to change my opinion as every detail has been carried out to the letter. I have always received notice from Bro. C. J. Crawley, the Secretary, of every regular meeting. I visited them on the 20th May at a regular meeting and witnessed the "raising" of two brothers. The work as performed would do credit to any Lodge, not an irregularity occuring during the whole ceremony. This Lodge started with eight members and has since increased to a membership of nineteen. They have a bright, cheery Lodge room with splendid new regalia and working tools complete, and three new charts and a cash balance of $132.31 on hand.

Oakland Lodge No. 9, Carman: Being a member of this Lodge I have not visited it officially but have regularly attended its meetings and know it to be in good condition financially with complete set of regalia, working tools and charts. W. Bro. Cunningham, W.M., is well skilled in the work. The S. W. and J. W. are also proficient in their parts. The work done in this Lodge will compare favorably with that of any in the jurisdiction. The roll of members numbers between forty-five and fifty.

In my official visits I have examined the regalia of each Lodge and find they comply with the Constitution. It has been my effort to impress on the officers the necessity of making the ceremonies as impressive as possible, and on the Secretaries the necessity of sending out their notices of meetings on time.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren for the honors and kindnesses bestowed on me by them during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. LAIDLAW,

D.D.G.M. District Number Three.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Four, I respectfully report as follows :—

Manitou Lodge No. 30, Manitou : Important business called me to Manitou on March 25th, and on the evening of that date an emergent meeting was called at my request. I met a number of the brethren but as the regular meeting was to be held the following night the attendance was not large. I examined the records of the Lodge, and discovered what I considered a slight irregularity in the proceedings of the meeting held on November 25th, 1895. The Lodge adopted a resolution instructing the Secretary to notify all members, one year or more in arrears for dues, to attend the following regular meeting and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment, at which time the W.·. M.·. finally declared them suspended. Section 170 of the Constitution provides that " it shall be the duty of the W.·. M.·. not the Lodge, to instruct the Secretary to perform this duty. In my opinion the brethren should not have been suspended within the year in which the indebtedness became due. I found the Lodge prosperous under the able management of the W.·. M.·. and his officers. The Secretary's books are models of neatness.

Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain : On April 21st, 1896, the date of the regular meeting I visited the Lodge, the E. A. Degree was conferred by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. D. Baine, and seldom have I witnessed work better done. This is one of the most prosperous Lodges in the District, it owns the building in which the meetings are held, has no debt and there is a good balance in the Treasury. The hall in which the Lodge meets is neatly furnished.

Killarney Lodge No. 50, Killarney : This being the Lodge of which I am a member I did not deem it necessary to visit it officially. This Lodge although it has not done much work in the past year is holding its own. The amount of outstanding dues has been very materially reduced as all the members except three have paid their indebtedness in full. The attendance though small is regular, and the members take an active interest in Lodge matters, and while under the guidance of W.·. Bro. J. M. Baldwin I have no fear for the future of this Lodge.

Deloraine Lodge No. 40, Deloraine: I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting on April 22nd. This Lodge has the largest amount of outstanding dues of any that I have visited, but the officers fully expect that a substantial reduction will be made in the near future. V.·. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton, W.·. M.·., is indefatigable in his efforts for the welfare of this Lodge and Masonry in general, and having previously witnessed his work in conferring degrees I did not deem it necessary to have any of the work exemplified on the occasion of my visit.

Belmont Lodge No 13, Morden: Owing to circumstances over which I had no control I was prevented from visiting this Lodge.

Oriental Lodge No. 54, Melita: I requested the W.·. M.·. of this Lodge to call an emergent meeting on April 20th, but as many of the members were absent at that time he could not comply with my request.

In conclusion I am pleased to report that Masonry in this District is in a prosperous condition, and on the occasions of my visits I received many acts of kindness for which I now tender my thanks to the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES McNAUGHTON,
D.D.G.M. District Number Four.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Five, I respectfully report as follows:—

I am pleased to report that Freemasonry in this District continues in a satisfactory condition.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District and found the officers proficient and able to do good work.

Russell Lodge U. D., Russell: I received instructions and the necessary Dispensation to institute a Lodge at Russell. I went to that place on August 13th, 1895, accompanied by R.·. W.·. Bro. S. C.

Dinsmore, and a number of brethren of Birtle Lodge. I had the pleasure of meeting a number of well-skilled brethren and instituting the Lodge. After the Lodge had been closed we were entertained in a most hospitable manner by the members of Russell Lodge.

I visited this Lodge officially on May 5th, 1896, and found them progressing as well as could be expected for a new Lodge. The W.·. M.·. conferred the third degree in a manner that would do credit to any Lodge. Since being instituted they have removed to a new Lodge room built by one of the brethren for the purposes of Masonry. I expect the Lodge will give a good account of itself in the future.

Prince of Wales No. 14, Minnedosa: On May 14th, 1896, I visited this Lodge and was received in a truly Masonic manner. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright indeed. It has a fine hall, a large membership and the attendance is good. Although they had no work on hand I am sure the W.·. M.·. and officers are well qualified to confer all degrees. The books are in excellent order, being neatly and correctly kept.

Corinthian No. 15, Rapid City: I visited this Lodge on May 15th, 1896, and had the pleasure of seeing the M. M. degree conferred by the W.·. M.·., who had very recently recovered from a serious illness. He performed the ceremony in a very creditable and impressive manner. This Lodge is in good financial circumstances, the books are well kept and everything is in a prosperous condition.

Birtle Lodge No. 39, Birtle: This being the Lodge of which I am a member, I did not visit it officially having attended every meeting excepting when on official visits to other Lodges in my jurisdiction. The W.·. M.·. and officers are well up in their work.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren of this District for the honor conferred in electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN LANE,
D.D.G.M. District Number Five.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Eight, I respectfully report as follows:—

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in the district as follows:

Lebanon Lodge No. 43, Virden: On June 24th I visited this Lodge and installed the officers, and on May 26th I visited it officially. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, only one member being in arrears for dues. The books are in excellent condition. The attendance is good, being 44 per cent of the total membership. The Lodge has a small cash balance and no debt.

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44, Oak Lake: I visited officially on April 23rd and found everything in a prosperous condition; the books are kept well and correctly. The prospects of the Lodge are fair and attendance good, the average being 45 per cent. of the total membership. The Treasurer's books show a cash balance of $121.00 and arrears of dues amount to $140.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Souris: Visited March 27th and saw the E. A., F. C. and M. M. degrees conferred and I must say that I was delighted at the exceedingly efficient manner in which the work was done. The books are carefully and correctly kept, and the prospects of the Lodge are particularly bright; the attendance is 43 per cent. of the membership. The Lodge has a cash balance of $536.00 and no debt, and only four members in arrears for dues.

Hartney Lodge No. 52, Hartney: Visited officially May 25th, 1896. The Master Mason's degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The prospects of the Lodge are brightening. Attendance is good, in fact the largest percentage in the district being 47 per cent. of the total membership. The books are well kept and show the Lodge clear of debt and a small cash balance on hand. A new and more commodius hall has been secured and nicely furnished.

Carberry Lodge No. 29, Carberry: Visited officially April 21st this being the occasion of the official visit of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master. The officers worked the F. C. degree and showed themselves well up in the work.

The Lodge has been handicapped during the year on account of the loss of the Secretary through illness and the W. M. through resignation. A new Master has been elected and I have no doubt the Lodge will do better. The books show a small cash balance and the Lodge is free of debt.

Brandon Lodge No. 19, Brandon: Visited officially May 12th, 1896. Any one not acquainted with this Lodge reading the statistical report would be led to believe that Masonry was at a very low ebb in Brandon. Such is not really the case. A large number of members are in arrears and the Lodge has had a large amount of debt carried over from year to year amounting to about $400.00. This amount has been reduced this year to $40.00 and I have no doubt it will be all wiped out before the year closes. The amount of arrears of dues has been reduced about $200.00. The Lodge has an excellent set of officers all well up in the work. The books are properly kept. The hall has been recently furnished and we may confidently look for better things in the future.

Speaking of Masonry generally in the district there has not been any great addition to the membership; the different Lodges appear to be determined that in adding to their numbers they will be adding to their strength. One Lodge under dispensation has been instituted during the year at Alexander.

As will be seen by the statistical report only one death has occurred. Better provision might be made for the care of the sick. In this connection I have suggested the idea of furnishing a private ward in the Brandon General Hospital for the use of the Masons of this district.

In conclusion I wish to take the opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the many acts of kindness received at the hands of the members of the different Lodges in the district on the occasion of my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. LANG,

D.D.G.M. District Number Seven.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Nine, I respectfully report as follows:—

Bow River Lodge No. 28, Calgary: I visited this Lodge officially Nov. 22nd, 1895, when the first degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Dr. Cooper. The Junior Warden gave the lectures. The W.·. Master was not able to work any of the degrees although it was nearly a year after his installation. This apparent lack of interest, however, is partially explained by the fact of his being absent for some months, on a trip to the "Orient." The Lodge books have been well attended to; the Secretary and Treasurer have certainly given much time and attention to their work. The dues are rather well paid up, few of the members being even a year in arrears. The Lodge furniture is well insured. I found that the rough minutes of this Lodge had never been read, yet the minutes of every regular meeting for upwards of three years distinctly state that "the rough minutes were submitted for correction and approved," and that portion read at each meeting. I cannot understand how the brethren could allow such work to go on, and not one raise his voice against it; more especially am I surprised at the W.·. Master and Past Masters. The average attendance is rather small considering the number of members residing in the city who could attend without inconvenience.

Cascade Lodge No. 42, Banff: I visited this Lodge officially Nov. 9th. The W.·. Master had arranged to exemplify the M. M. degree, but was prevented owing to the Acting Senior Deacon being ill and apparently no other brother present could fill that office, which greatly surprised me because this is my mother Lodge and I well remember the time, and that not very long ago, when there was no trouble in filling vacant offices with well "posted" brothers. However, I believe they do excellent degree work. The books are splendidly kept and reflect great credit on the energetic Secretary. The books show that two meetings were held and business transacted at which there was not a quorum. The W.·. Master claims a quorum at both these meetings but owing to the carelessness of the Tyler all present did not register.

This Lodge has been at a standstill during year ending April 30th, no new material having been taken in and the W.·. Master reports

future prospects gloomy; yet the dues are well paid, the outstanding arrears being small, and a substantial balance in the Treasury. These are good signs and I sincerely hope that the turbulent waters will soon be quieted and the old time harmony restored. Insurance on furniture five hundred dollars.

Edmonton Lodge No. 53, Edmonton: On the occasion of my official visit to this Lodge, October 24th, 1895, the E. A. degree was exemplified in a creditable manner, but not up to their usual mark for impressiveness. I had visited them several times before and witnessed the conferring of all three degrees in splendid form.

The books have been well looked after, being very neat and up to date. There are no arrears yet the Lodge financially is in poor condition; this is owing to very heavy rent they have been struggling under since organization. Furniture fully insured.

Innisfail Lodge No. 58, Innisfail: On August 15th, I visited this Lodge and with the assistance of W.·. Bro. Robert Wynn and W.·. Bro. W. L. Benard, constituted the Lodge and installed the officers in due form, after which the newly installed officers exemplified the M. M. degree in an impressive manner.

The success of this Lodge has been to a great extent due to the untiring efforts of W.·. Bro. Robert Wynn, and I have every reason to believe that with continued effort on the part of the members this Lodge will be perpetuated, and while it may never be very strong in numbers, yet it will take its place in the community and perform its duties with credit to itself and honor to the fraternity.

Perfection Lodge No. 60, Calgary: This Lodge was duly constituted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and I on that occasion installed the officers. I also visited this Lodge officially October 15th, 1895, when the Fellow Craft's degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. The Middle Chamber Lecture was given by Bro. Higgs as well as I have ever heard it; altogether the officers are well skilled and do excellent degree work. The affairs of the Lodge are conducted in a business-like manner, and it has every prospect of becoming one of the strongest and best working Lodges in the West. The average attendance is small, some of the charter members apparently having lost all interest. This however is being rapidly overcome by the acquisition of new blood.

Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer: It would be utterly impossible to explain matters concerning this Lodge without going over all the

ground from their organization, which is out of the question at this time. However the matter has been reported to the M.·. W.·. Grand Master and the Chairman of Committee on Jurisprudence. On January 16th, 1896, I sojourned at Red Deer for the purpose of visiting this Lodge, but as only four members turned up at the appointed time, there was of course no Lodge meeting. I however called the W.·. Master and Wardens together and went over matters with them and found that the great trouble is lack of interest on the part of all concerned. This state of affairs I believe was caused by placing a brother in the W. M's chair against his will, and further that there was not a real live Mason in the Lodge. I examined their minute book on the 15th instant, and find they have been practically dead during the year having only held two meetings since May, 1895, viz:—August 25th, 1895, and April 27th, 1896. At the meeting on the latter date Brother Pardue resigned the chair and was replaced by W.·. Bro. C. P. Gee, who is a very enthusiastic Mason and will I believe make Red Deer Lodge a success.

OBSERVATIONS.

During the past year the harmony of a few Lodges has been disturbed over the rejection of candidates. On this point there does not appear to be a good understanding among the brethren, the decision of the ballot box not being accepted in the proper spirit, and the brethren over-zealous for the admission of the applicant, impugn the motives of those who voted against him, thereby seriously affecting the well-being of the Lodge.

I am also under the impression that the W. Masters do not pay as much attention to the Constitution as they should, apparently forgetting the obligation they took when being installed. This point is illustrated by the fact that Section 185 has never been complied with by Bow River Lodge No. 28, Edmonton Lodge No. 53, Innisfail Lodge No. 58, Perfection Lodge No 60, and only once by Cascade Lodge No. 42.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of this District for the honor conferred, and for the many courtesies extended to me personally as well as officially.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH,
D.D.G.M. District Number Nine.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Ten, I respectfully report as follows:—

I am pleased to report that during my term of office I visited in my official capacity all the Lodges within my jurisdiction and the only official act during my term was that of recommending that a dispensation be granted to Maple Leaf Lodge No. 56 for the installation of its officers on the 26th December by the D. D. Grand Master.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 56, Maple Creek: I visited this Lodge officially on 26th December, 1895, by special request of the Lodge in order that I might install its officers, and that duty I performed. I have taken a great interest in this Lodge since its inception, and have visited it on several occasions. This is the youngest Lodge in my jurisdiction and the work done by the Master and his officers is most creditable. The Secretary keeps his books and performs his other duties in a most satisfactory manner. A true masonic spirit prevails and the Lodge is made up of good material.

North Star Lodge No. 41, Lethbridge: I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge officially on January 20th, 1896. A large number of the brethren attended Lodge to meet me, and I had the pleasure of seeing the E. A. degree exemplified in a very praiseworthy manner by W.·. Bro. Belcher, he and the other officers showing much proficiency in their work. I consider it would be unjust of me if I did not give the Secretary, Bro. Robt. Sage, a word of praise for the very excellent manner in which he keeps the different books of this Lodge—they were neat, businesslike and up to date. The Lodge has a right to be proud of the efficiency displayed by him.

I think it my duty towards this Lodge to counteract a wrong impression which my predecessor evidently rested under, and included in his report last year, relative to the cause of this Lodge's financial difficulties. He said it was through loss by fire and the Lodge not being insured, while really it was owing to a number of the members, in the boom days, having taken stock in the building in which the Masonic Hall was located and the amounts paid by these members were credited to them as dues in advance. This difficulty however has been over-

come by the Lodge and it is now in a good position financially and keeps its furniture insured. The hall is large and commodius.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, Medicine Hat: This being the Lodge of which I am a member I have had many opportunities of seeing work done by it. I visited it officially on December 27th, 1895, and had the pleasure of installing its officers. To be candid I must say that this Lodge has not lately been keeping up its old time reputation for efficiency, and although a railroad town and many are out on the road on nights of meeting yet there are numbers who should know better than to be absent so frequently without any cause. I hope this hint will be useful to those for whom it is intended. The Lodge is in good condition financially, has a neat and well furnished hall and which is kept fully insured. The Secretary is the right man in the right place and keeps his books in good order.

Alberta Lodge No. 37, Macleod: I drove over from Lethbridge and visited this Lodge officially on the evening of January 22nd, 1896. I found quite a number of the brethren present to meet me and had the pleasure of having R.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Campbell and W.·. Bro. Robert Patterson, staunch friends of Masonry in these parts, sitting with me along with W.·. Bro. C. E. D. Wood in the W. M's chair. Bro. Wood exemplified the M. M. degree, ably assisted by W.·. Bro. Patterson. The work was not done as well as I would have expected in this Lodge, but as the Master had been recently installed and I know other matters at that time interfered with his studying up the work, it was under the circumstances fairly well done, and I have heard since from a brother who visited that the work is now done very well.

Owing to the Secretary being sick I had not an opportunity of inspecting the books. The Lodge is in good condition financially.

Spitzie Lodge No. 45, Pincher Creek: I visited this Lodge officially on January 24th, 1896, and was more than pleased with the perfect manner in which the W. M. exemplified the M. M. degree. The work done by all, from the W. M. down, was simply perfection and I can only uphold the expression made use of by M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, P. G. M. that this is the banner Lodge of this district, and the Lodge can also boast of quite a few expert P. M's. The books are well and neatly kept, the Lodge is in a good position financially, and furniture kept well insured. A strong, healthy Masonic spirit prevails and whoever visits this Lodge officially or otherwise, will feel I am sure as I felt, "It is good for us to be here."

In conclusion I must say that my visits as D. D. Grand Master were very pleasant ones and confirmed me in the belief that Masonry is in a flourishing condition and that much care is exercised in the selection of material.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. FINDLAY,

D.D.G.M. District Number Ten.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William G. Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie. Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report, as follows :

JOHN MCKECHNIE, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

1895.				
Jan. 1	To Balance on hand			$1240 03
May 30	" Interest	4 45		
June 29	" W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	175 00		
July 16	" Special Account	600 00		
Aug. 2	" W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	634 12		
Oct. 5	" " " "	345 50		
1996.				
Jan. 9	" " " "	264 23		
10	" " " "	269 75		
22	" " " "	331 90		
Feb. 19	" " " "	259 90		
Mar. 19	" " " "	156 33		
20	" " " "	66 20		
21	" Special Account	80 87		
			3188 25	
				$4428 28

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1895.		Order No.		
April 3	By Jas. E. Steen	601	$ 8 50	
"	O'Loughlin Bros.	602	8 50	
"	Winnipeg Saturday Night Co.	603	14 00	
"	T. W. Taylor	604	13 00	
"	Wpg. Saturday Night Co	605	26 50	
"	J. R. Clements	606	9 00	
"	R. I. Boyd	607	2 50	
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	608	135 27	

April 3	R. C. Irving	609	115 00
"	Secretary Edmonton Lodge, No. 53	610	15 00
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	611	175 00
July 16	F. Starkey, Sec'y Oakland Lodge, No. 9.	612	10 00
"	Hunter, Rose & Co.	613	10 00
"	T. W. Taylor	614	360 55
"	O'Loughlin Bros.	615	11 50
"	Can. Bank of Commerce	616	50 00
"	J. E. Dingman	617	10 00
"	The Ferguson Company	618	2 25
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	619	2 45
"	Leslie Bros.	620	2 50
"	Richardson Stationery Co.	621	4 00
"	McIntyre Estate	622	4 50
"	Com. Union Assurance Co.	623	4 60
"	R. I. Boyd	624	5 00
"	E. Powley	625	5 00
"	Russell & Co.	626	5 95
"	T. W. Taylor	627	9 00
"	Sec'y Lebanon Lodge, No. 43	628	10 00
"	J. McBride	629	10 00
"	J. R. Clements	630	12 00
"	A. H. Correlli	631	15 00
"	Wpg. Saturday Night Co.	632	15 50
"	Bell & Clarke	633	26 00
"	A. G. Hample	634	35 50
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	635	36 84
"	E. L. Milligan	636	50 00
"	Can. Bank of Commerce	637	74 76
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	638	83 58
"	McIntyre Bros.	639	91 55
"	Thos. Tweed	640	100 00
"	The Copp, Clark Co.	641	151 94
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	642	175 00
Aug. 8	Savings Bank Acc't	642½	600 00
Oct. 7	W. C. Hamilton	643	150 00
Dec. 31	Winnipeg Saturday Night Co.	644	14 46
"	Guarantee Co. of North America	645	11 25
"	Wm. Cranston	646	5 50
"	Geo. Mitchell	647	10 00
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	648	11 00
"	General Masons Relief Association	649	11 67

Dec. 31	W. G. Scott, Librarian	650	13 75	
"	The Ferguson Co	651	21 18	
"	J. R. Clements	652	25 00	
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	653	28 95	
"	J. H. Torrey	654	28 00	
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	655	30 30	
"	" "	656	53 76	
"	The Copp-Clark Co	657	62 00	
"	W. G. Scott, Librarian	658	123 15	
"	McIntyre Bros	659	287 85	
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Sec'y	660	350 00	
"	Geo. Andrews	661	50 00	
"	Consolidated Stationery Co	662	308 35	
"	Can. Bank of Commerce, Special Acct.	663	270 09	
"	Hart & McPherson	664	5 55	
1896.				
Mar. 25	J. R. Clements	665	5 00	
"	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	666	9 55	
				4393 60
	Balance			34 68
				$4428 28

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

1895.			
Jan. 1	To Benevolent Account, balance 1894	126 74	
May 31	" Interest	1 25	
Nov. 30	" Interest	1 08	
			129 07
May 23	By———	25 00	
	Balance	104 07	
			129 07

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

1895.			
Jan. 1	To Balance	810 88	
May 30	" Interest	14 40	
30	" Current Account	600 00	
Nov. 30	" Interest	10 81	
			$ 1436 09

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1895.			
July 16	By Current Acct	600 00	
1896.			
Mar. 23	"	80 87	
	Balance	755 22	
			$1436 09

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report, as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

It once more becomes my duty to submit for your consideration a summarized report of the business of this office for the past year, giving such facts as may be necessary for the information of Grand Lodge, and making such suggestions and recommendations as may be worthy of consideration.

PROCEEDINGS OF 1895.

The proceedings of our last Annual Communication were mailed on November 16th, five months after the close of the Communication. The delay, an unusual one, was occasioned by press of work in the printing offices of the city. One thousand copies were printed and the usual number distributed as has been our custom in past years.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

At the last Annual Communication charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges, except Red Deer No. 59, were duly constituted and their officers installed, one by the M.·. W. . Grand Master and two by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose.

Innisfail Lodge No. 58, Innisfail, Alberta, constituted August 15th, 1895, by R.·. W.·. Bro. T. F. English, D. D. Grand Master.

Perfection Lodge No. 60, Calgary, Alberta, constituted August 6th, 1895, by M.·. W.·. Bro. Chas. N. Bell, Grand Master.

North-West Mounted Police Lodge No. 61, Regina, Assa., constituted September 5th, 1895, by R.·. W.·. Bro. James H. Benson, D. D. Grand Master.

A report was received from the District Deputy Grand Master stating that Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer, Alberta, was not prepared for the ceremonies of constitution, and the limit of sixty days, fixed by our laws for the ceremonies to be performed, having elapsed, the Grand Master, on October 10th, 1895, issued the necessary authority for the Lodge to continue to work under dispensation until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge,

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, dispensations for the following new Lodges have been issued :

July 10th, 1895, Russell Lodge at Russell, Manitoba, District No. 5 ; 13 charter members—Bro. Frederick G. Richardson, W. Master ; Bro. Nathaniel M. W. J. McKenzie, Senior Warden ; Bro. Maltyward Simpson, Junior Warden. Instituted August 13th, 1895, by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Lane, D. D. Grand Master.

November 20th, 1895, Holland Lodge at Holland, Manitoba, District No. 3 ; 8 charter members—W.·. Bro. Walter M. Scott, W. Master ; Bro. Rev. Horace D. Cooper, Senior Warden ; Bro. Neil McIvor, Junior Warden. Instituted November 27th, 1895, by R.·. W.·. Bro. George E. Laidlaw, D. D. Grand Master.

February 11th, 1896, Composite Lodge at Alexander, Manitoba, District No. 7—8 charter members ; Bro. William Fenwick, W. Master ; Bro. Albert Fenwick, Senior Warden ; Bro. J. Birtles, Junior Warden. Instituted March 5th, 1896, by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. A. Lang, D.D. Grand Master.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held, viz :

At Winnipeg, on Thursday, August 15th, 1895, for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of the Masonic Temple. The ceremonies were performed by M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, Grand Master, assisted by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, M .W.·. Bro. William G. Bell, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, V.·. W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts and others.

At Edmonton, Alberta, on Monday, August 26th, 1895, for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of All Saints Church (Anglican). The ceremonies were performed by V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles W. Sutter, assisted by W.·. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor, Bro. Robt. B. Ferguson and others.

DEDICATIONS.

On December 27th, 1895, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge, dedicated to craft purposes, the hall to be occupied by the city Lodges in the new Temple at Winnipeg.

CLANDESTINE MASONS HEALED.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, according to ancient custom, healed two members of an association claiming to be Masons, but not recognized as such by this Grand Lodge. The said Association is known as the Grand Lodge of Ontario Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. These members furnished satisfactory evidence that they, and without knowing the consequences, had become members. These brethren are now recognized Masons of this jurisdiction, their names, the dates when healed and names of Lodges in which healed, being as follows :

Joseph Maw, May 19, 1896, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Rev. Joshua Dyke, May 25, 1896, Moosomin Lodge No. 35.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Near other Grand Lodges.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication, commissions to representatives near other Grand Lodges have been issued from this office by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, as follows :

October 16, 1895—R.·. W.·. Bro. J. F. R. Appleby, of Washington, near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

May 13, 1896—W.·. Bro. Niles Searls, near the Grand Lodge of California.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication, commissions for representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received, as follows :

December 8th, 1894—R.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg, of Selkirk, from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vice Richard W. A. Rolph.

January 11, 1896—W.·. Bro. Mathew McClintock Duffie, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Roderick McCuaig, resigned.

March 1st, 1896—V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert F. McTavish, of Morden, from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, re-appointed for the term of five years.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued from this office during the past year by direction of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, as follows :

Date.	No.	Name.	For What Granted.
1895.			
June 20	..36	Doric	To hold joint installation with Killarney Lodge, No. 50.
20	..36	Doric	To attend Divine Service.
20	..43	Lebanon	To attend Divine Service.
20	..56	Maple Leaf	To attend Divine Service.
21	..16	Kinistino	To attend Divine Service.
21	..28	Bow River	To attend Divine Service.
21	..35	Moosomin	To attend Divine Service.
22	..15	Corinthian	To attend Divine Service.
25	..26	Moose Jaw	To attend Divine Service.
27	..19	Brandon	To attend Divine Service.
27	..27	Glenwood	To attend Divine Service.
28	..14	Prince of Wales	To attend Divine Service.
28	..47	Ashlar	To attend Divine Service.
30	.. 1	Prince Rupert's	To attend Divine Service.
July 27	..50	Killarney	To attend Divine Service.
Aug. 1	..23	Wascana	To attend Divine Service.
Sept. 12	.. 8	King Solomon	To attend Divine Service.
Nov. 4	..33	Indian Head	To attend Divine Service.
Dec. 10	..55	East Star	To hold a special election.
17	..37	Alberta	To hold a special election.
20	..56	Maple Leaf	To hold a special installation.
23	..37	Alberta	To wear Masonic clothing at a conversazione.
28	.. 1	Prince Rupert's	To wear Masonic clothing at a lecture.
1896.			
Jan. 10	..48	Glenboro	To hold a special installation.
15	..	Holland	To initiate a candidate from the jurisdiction of Glenboro Lodge, No. 48.
18	..30	Manitou	To confirm work irregularly done on Dec. 27th, 1894, in advancing a candidate in less interval than one month.
20	..55	East Star	To hold a special installation.
31	.. 1	Prince Rupert's	To wear Masonic clothing at a conversazione.
Feb. 22	.. 1	Prince Rupert's	To wear Masonic clothing at a lecture.
March 5	..36	Doric	To re-ballot on the petition of a rejected candidate.
April 11	..60	Perfection	To wear Masonic clothing at a concert.

May 9 .. 3 Ancient Landmark. To initiate a candidate from the jurisdiction of King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.
19 ..29 Carberry ... .To elect and install a W. M. to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of W.·. Bro. J. G. Fitch.
June 4 ..44 Oak Lake .....To hold a special installation.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the By-Laws of the following Lodges :

Sept. 3, 1895. Perfection, No. 60.
14, 1895. North-West Mounted Police, No. 61.
16, 1895. Bow River, No. 28.
Dec. 2, 1895. Prince Rupert's, No. 1.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the amendments to the By-Laws of the following Lodges, viz :

Oct. 21, 1895. Kinistino, No. 16.
Nov. 19, 1895. St. John's, No. 4.
25, 1895. Moose Jaw, No. 26.
Feb. 24, 1896. Corinthian, No. 15.
May 13, 1896. Assiniboine, No. 7.
16, 1896. Oriental Lodge, No. 54.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

On September 30th, 1895, an Ordinance was assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, known as No. 34, of 1895, entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Incorporation of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons." The necessary authority for obtaining this Act of Incorporation was passed at the last Annual Communication upon the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, and the work of bringing the matter before the Legislative Assembly was entrusted to W.·. Bro. W. C. Hamilton, Q. C., of Regina, to whom the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due.

Subsequently the following Lodges were incorporated under this Ordinance :

Bow River, No. 28, Calgary, Alberta.
Evening Star, No. 57, Grenfell, Assiniboia.

CERTIFICATES OF STANDING.

Since our last Annual Communication Certificates of Standing have been issued to brethren, who were members of Lodges—now extinct—at the date of the surrender or revocation of charters, as follows:

June 10, 1895. Roderick McRae, Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 17.
Sept. 18, 1895. Thomas Greenham Poyntz, Hiram Lodge, No. 5.
March 14, 1896. Francis Richard Beattie, Pembina Lodge, No. 20.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

The charters of the Lodges meeting in Winnipeg having been, destroyed by fire on November 16, 1894, duplicates were issued to the following Lodges:

Prince Rupert's, No. 1.
Ancient Landmark, No. 3.
St. John's, No. 4.
Northern Light, No. 10.
Ionic, No. 25.

PORTRAITS OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Owing to the depleted state of the treasury of our Grand Lodge the Board of General Purposes deemed it advisable to defer action in the matter of obtaining portraits of deceased Past Grand Masters until the finances will warrant the expenditure necessary to obtain portraits in oil.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

The Constitution, Section 67, requires a report at each Annual Communication of all Lodges that have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of the Constitution and Regulations. Section 189 provides that returns shall be sent to this office within one week after June 24th and December 27th in each year. Allowing five days extra time to cover possible delays in transit, the June returns should have been received on or before July 6th and the December returns on or before January 9th.

The June returns sent so as to reach this office within the above specified time were: Nos. 1, 4, 7, 14, 16, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30, 35, 38, 39, 41, 42, 45, 46, 48, 49, 52, 57, 61.

The returns of Lodges under dispensation were due in May and were received promptly.

The December returns sent so as to reach this office on or before January 9th, were : Nos. 1, 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 28, 36, 38, 40, 41, 45, 49, 50, 51, 57, 61.

Those not included in the foregoing lists were delinquent.

All returns received have been carefully examined and notice of errors sent to the Secretaries. The following June returns were found to be correct : Nos. 1, 3, 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61.

The following December returns were found to be correct : Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 23, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 61.

The following returns were found to be incorrect as specified :

No. 2 gives initials instead of full Christian names. Drops one member from list without explanation. Incorrectly reports dates when two members dimittted. Report not signed by W. Master.

No. 6. Omits to include age of joining member.

No. 7. Names of two members not correctly reported.

No. 8. Omits ages of three members initiated. Reports thirty-four members under recapitulation on page 19, and enters names of thirty-five on pages 2, 4 and 11. Report not signed by W. Master.

No. 10. Enters on page 2, names of 1894 officers instead 1895. Names of five members dropped from list without explanation.

No. 11. Drops one member from list without explanation. Name of one member entered twice.

No. 12. Omits age, name, number and location of former Lodge of a joining member. Gives initials instead of full Christian names.

No. 13. Includes in report as Junior Warden the name of a brother not previously returned as a member.

No. 14. Drops one member from list without explanation. Passed and raised a member but omits dates. Gives initials instead of full Christian names.

No. 19. Passed two members but omits dates.

No. 24. Initiated and passed members but omits dates. Gives initials instead of full Christian names.

No. 25. Drops Past Master from list without explanation. Several errors in reporting names of members.

No. 26. Reports members in higher degree than previously returned without evidence of advancement.

No. 27. Name of one member not correctly returned.

No. 29 Gives initials instead of full Christian names.

No. 30. Includes two F. C.'s in list of E. A's.

No. 34. Reports one member without evidence as to how membership was acquired. Drops one member from list without explanation. Initiated a member but omits name and date.

No. 35. Passed candidates but omits dates. Dimits granted to four members at a festival meeting.

No. 43. Drops three members from list without explanation. Names of dimitted and suspended members not correctly entered. Several errors found in recapitulation on page 19.

No. 46. Reports one M. M. dimitted, previously returned as an E. A., without evidence of advancement. Reports work done for and on behalf of another Lodge.

No. 47. Gives initials instead of full Christian name of a joining member.

No. 48. Gives initials instead of full Christian names.

No. 49. Raised one member but omits date. Drops one member from list without explanation. Gives initials instead of full Christian names.

No. 51 Drops one member from list without explanation.

No. 52. Includes names of three members previously reported as dimitted. Reports work done in previous half-year. Several errors in recording names.

No. 56. Reports work done in previous half-year.

No. 60. Drops one member from roll without explanation. Reports one member without evidence as to how membership was acquired. Omits full particulars of former Lodges of six joining members.

It is evident that the percentage of correct returns is no greater than it has been in past years, nor is there any prospect of improvement in this direction while the annual changes in the office of secretary takes place. There are six Lodges, Nos. 1, 7, 13, 26, 36, 40, where the secretaries are continued in office from year to year and in two of these there are only slight grounds for complaint. There are other capable secretaries but in a number of cases the incumbents are

utterly incompetent to discharge the duties of the offices to which they have been elected.

Promptness in making returns can only be secured when the D. D. Grand Master will exercise the powers conferred by our Constitution and promptly suspends all Lodges that refuse or neglect to make prompt returns and payments.

It was found necessary to defer closing the books until two and one-half months after the close of the year in order to obtain full returns. This has been the rule for years, and while no serious results have followed its adoption, it is very desirable that all returns should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary before the dates named—July 5th and January 9th. Without these returns a complete and satisfactory report cannot be prepared. The decided advantage of including the revenue and expenditure in the year to which they belong will be apparent.

STATISTICAL.

The record of the work done during the past year may be regarded as satisfactory when considering that the Canadian North-West has not entirely escaped the commercial depression which has to a greater extent prevailed in other lands. In view of these conditions, which have to a considerable extent affected our material prosperity, the following synopsis of work done may be regarded as evidence of substantial gain and progress :

No. of members December 27th, 1894			2333
Initiated		176	
Passed	176		
Raised	167		
Joined		84	
Restored		20	
			280
			2613
Dimitted		100	
Suspended U. M. C.		3	
Suspended N. P. D.		84	
Died		13	
Rejected	27		
			200
No. of members December 27th, 1895			2413
Increase			80

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

I am pleased to report that since our last Annual Communication, considerable progress has been made in obtaining material necessary to continue the history of Freemasonry in the Canadian North-West. In September, 1895, I received from Mr. W. Bannatyne, son of the late W.·. Bro. A. G. B. Bannatyne—who was W. Master of Northern Light Lodge at the date it ceased to exist—all the books and records of that pioneer Lodge, including the dispensation issued by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, bearing date, May 20th, 1864. These records being the property of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, I made a formal request to that Grand Body that we might be permitted to retain them. That the request was favorably entertained by our adjoining sister jurisdiction will be apparent from the following extracts from the proceedings of its Annual Communication held at St. Paul on January 15th and 16th, 1896. From the Annual Address of M.·. W.·. Bro. C. L. Brown, under the heading of "Northern Light Lodge No. 68," I quote the following : "This Lodge, located at Fort Garry, was chartered in 1867 and was the foundation of Masonry in Northwest Canada. It has never been represented, if I am not mistaken, at any session of the Grand Lodge. Its membership has, probably, long since been absorbed by the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and its records and papers are now in the possession of the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge. He concedes them to be the property of this Grand Lodge, and while holding them subject to our order, makes the following request":

"These records and dispensations are, of course, the property of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and I will hold them subject to your order. I would at the same time make a request on behalf of our Grand Lodge, that we may be permitted to retain these records, to be placed in our archives, and treasured as heirlooms of priceless value, to be handed down to succeeding generations as mementos of the past, and as an enduring remembrance of the source from which Masonry in the Canadian Northwest sprang."

"The request should be granted, unless some good reason appears to make it improper to grant it."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom that portion of the Grand Master's address was referred, subsequently reported as follows:

"Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the transfer of the records, papers and property of old Northern Light Lodge, at Fort Garry, to the M.·.

W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, report that having considered the same they recommend that such transfer be authorized and approved."

The report was adopted, and thus have become the property of this Grand Lodge the records, dispensations and property of the pioneer Lodge of the Red River Valley. The old jewels, articles of furniture, etc., valuable only as relics, are in the possession of Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, to which Lodge they were delivered in trust by the late W.·. Bro. A. G. B. Bannatyne.

FINANCIAL.

The revenues of the Grand Lodge show a tendency to expand, the excess in receipts over the previous year being $193.63.

When the books and accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1895, were closed, the amounts at the credit of the several accounts were as follows:

General Account	$ 30 23
Special Account	755 22
Benevolent Account	104 07

Owing to the large payments for supplies to replace stock destroyed by fire in 1894, it was found necessary to withdraw from the Special Account the sum of $80.87 to make up the difference between revenue and expenditure for the year ending December 31st, 1895. A further sum of $419.13 has since been withdrawn to meet the current year's expenditure. These withdrawals are made to provide for liabilities for the current year, and are to be repaid out of revenues due in June.

RAILWAY RATES.

Arrangements have been made with the various railway Companies for reduced rates to delegates attending this Communication. If the number of tickets purchased aggregate twenty-five the holder will be entitled to return at one-third of one fare. Should the number of tickets reach one hundred, free tickets will be issued for the return trip. These liberal rates extended to our members should be acknowledged by appropriate resolutions.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from January 1st to December 31st, 1895.

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$118 95	40.	Deloraine	$ 21 75
2.	Lisgar	54 75	41.	North Star	27 00
3.	Ancient Landmark	158 25	42.	Cascade	28 35
4.	St. John's	121 70	43.	Lebanon	23 70
6.	Emerson	26 45	44.	Oak Lake	16 50
7.	Assiniboine	69 75	45.	Spitzie	28 00
8.	King Solomon	36 75	46.	Wapananung	12 25
9.	Oakland	31 25	47.	Ashlar	20 75
10.	Northern Light	47 50	48.	Glenboro	39 20
11.	Gladstone	17 00	49.	Temple	26 75
12.	Stonewall	15 00	50.	Killarney	20 60
13.	Belmont	61 75	51.	Treherne	25 25
14.	Prince of Wales	33 75	52.	Hartney	34 50
15.	Corinthian	38 50	53.	Edmonton	63 50
16.	Kinistino	31 85	54.	Oriental	20 50
19.	Brandon	96 75	55.	East Star	22 50
23.	Wascana	40 00	56.	Maple Leaf	35 50
24.	Neepawa	17 75	57.	Evening Star	23 75
25.	Ionic	85 20	58.	Innisfail	64 70
26.	Moose Jaw	54 25	60.	Perfection	73 00
27.	Glenwood	42 70	61.	N.W. Mtd. Police	77 75
28.	Bow River	71 00		Red Deer	41 00
29.	Carberry	18 35		Russell	25 00
30.	Manitou	31 35		Holland	25 00
31.	Medicine Hat	22 00		Other Sources as follows:	
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	13 00		Constitutions	3 70
33.	Indian Head	20 25		Past Master's Certificates	1 00
34.	Qu'Appelle	15 00		Extinct Lodges	5 00
35.	Moosomin	26 00		Blank Books and Forms	148 63
36.	Doric	47 25			
37.	Alberta	27 00			$2,495 93
38.	Battle	20 75			
39.	Birtle	29 00			

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

Initiations	$ 358 00	Constitutions	$ 69 05
Dues	1153 50	Dispensations	112 00
Certificates	335 00	Blank Books and Forms	188 63
Past Masters' Certificates	25 00	Extinct Lodges	20 00
Life Membership Fees	30 00	Lodge Seals	28 00
Life Membership Certificates	4 75		
Charters	172 00		$2,495 93

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CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from January 1st to December 31st, 1895, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

DR.		CR.	
1895.		1895.	
Dec. 31. To Receipts	$2495 93	July 12. By Grand Treas.	$175 00
Winnipeg Saturday Night Co., refund of overpayment	7 00	Aug. 5. " "	634 12
		Oct. 5. " "	345 50
		1896.	
		Jan. 9. " "	264 23
		Jan. 10. " "	269 75
		Jan. 22. " "	331 90
		Feb. 18. " "	259 90
		Mar. 19. " "	156 33
		Mar. 20. " "	66 20
	$2502 93		$2502 93

YEARLY STATEMENT.

DECEMBER 31ST, 1895.

GAINS.

Dispensations		$ 92 00
Charters		107 50
Constitutions		27 95
Certificates		272 83
Dues		1153 50
Initiations		358 00
Life Membership Fees		30 00
Life Membership Certificates		95
Past Masters' Certificates		16 94
Blank Books and Forms		28 21
Library		184 01
Extinct Lodges		5 00
Interest		27 54
Lodge Seals		2 00

LOSSES.

Fixtures	$ 44 65	
Expense	132 72	
Printing	382 50	
Books and Stationery	63 14	
Postage	118 20	
Rent	51 00	
Telegraphing	17 75	
Salaries	700 00	
Insurance	14 65	
Special Grants	160 00	
Contingent Expenses	185 50	
Benevolent Fund Account	25 00	
Regalia	25 00	
Net Gain	386 32	
	$2306 43	$2306 43

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Librarian presents his Tenth Annual Report as follows :

The labors in connection with the Library during the past year have been exceedingly onerous on account of the efforts it was found necessary to put forth in order to repair the loss sustained by the disastrous fire of November 16th, 1894.

The progress made during the past year may be regarded as satisfactory, although the donations received from brethren residing in Winnipeg and vicinity have not been as numerous as we had hoped and expected, less than two dozen brethren having offered a helping hand, nor is there any evidence yet forthcoming to justify us in the opinion that the present year is about to make amends. On the other hand, brethren residing in other jurisdictions and in distant parts of Manitoba and the North-West Territories have been most generous in their donations, even non-Masons having kindly assisted. As the library increases in importance and usefulness, the donations from those who derive benefit from its location in their midst, will no doubt be more numerous.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

On January 1st, 1896, possession was taken of the pleasant rooms alloted to the Library in the new Masonic Temple at Winnipeg. Untoward circumstances delayed the opening until June 2nd, and on the evening of that day the Library and Reading Room was formally opened in the presence of a large number of Masons and others.

The room is comfortably furnished and will be open at all reasonable time to Masons and the members of their families. Certain hours will be fixed when books not properly belonging to the Reference Department may be taken out under certain rules adopted by the Committee on Library. Every effort will be made to facilitate the use of the Library, especially to students of masonic history, symbolism, etc.

AN APOLOGY.

In printing the proceedings of our last Annual Communication the name of M.·. W.·. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, of Newark, Ohio, was omitted from the list of the donors in my report. I am unable to explain how the omission occurred, and exceedingly regret it as Bro. Williams has always been a generous friend of the Library, and not only has he ever been ready to help us by donations of rare books and proceedings, but has used his personal influence in inducing others of the great army of collectors to do likewise. We tender Bro. Williams an apology for the omission.

DONATIONS.

Donations have been made to the Library during the past year by the following and the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to these friends of the Library for their generous aid :

M.·. W.·. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio.
" " " L. G. Levoy, Webster, South Dakota.
" " " Rev. J. D. O'Meara, D.D., Winnipeg.
" " " Bro. C. N. Bell, Winnipeg.
" " " Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont.
R.·. " " Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, Topeka, Kansas.
" " " Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Omaha, Nebraska.
" " " H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, Louisville, Kentucky.
" " " E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, New York.
" " " J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary, Bloomington, Ill.
" " " J. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary, St. Louis, Missouri.
" " " Rev. Wm. Ronaldson, Grand Secretary, Auckland, New Zealand.
" " " Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.
" " " T. H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary, Trenton, New Jersey.
" " " A. H. Van Etten, Winnipeg.
" " " W. G. Scott, Winnipeg.
" " " C. N. Noteware, Grand Secretary, Carson, Nevada.
" " " John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary, Nashville, Tennessee.
" " " J. C. Drury, Grand Sec'y, Raleigh, North Carolina.
" " " Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, Providence, Rhode Island.
" " " Edward Letchworth, Grand Sec'y, London, England.
" " " Arthur H. Bray, Grand Secretary, Sydney, New South Wales.

R.·. W.·. Bro. G. W. Barnard, Chicago, Ill.
" " " W. J. Hughan, Torquay, England.
" " " Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Quebec.
" " " Irving Todd, Hastings, Minnesota.
" " " G. B. Murphy, Moosomin, Assa.
" " " W. C. Copeland, Winnipeg.
" " " J. J. White, Winnipeg.
" " " W. A. Windatt, Winnipeg.
" " " Thomas Sargant, Toronto, Ontario.
" " " T. H. Emmons, Boston, Mass.
" " " W. J. Ptolemy, Winnipeg.
" " " R. C. Brown, Winnipeg.
V.·. " " John Chapman, Torquay, England.
" " " H. H. Cairns, Ottawa, Ont.
" " " Geo. E. Mason, Hamilton, Ont.
" " " Thomas W. Taylor, Winnipeg.
" " E. W. Rugg, Winnipeg.
" " Wm. Braden, Winnipeg.
" " R. P. Crookshank, Rapid City, Man.
" " S. G. G. Thompson, Winnipeg.
" " John J. Jackson, Winnipeg.
" " T. W. Leggo, Winnipeg.
" F. P. Welsh, Winnipeg.
" W. W. Burke, Winnipeg.
" S. T. Handscomb, Winnipeg.
" J. Hunter Boyd, Winnipeg.
" R. H. Shanks, Winnipeg.
" Angus Grant, Winnipeg.
" E. C. Goulding, Winnipeg.
Ottawa Masonic Library, Ottawa.
McIntyre Bros., Winnipeg.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Grand Sec'y O.E.S., Chicago.

BRO. JAMES STEWART'S, DONATION.

The most generous donation made to our Library since its inception is that of Bro. James Stewart, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, consisting of twenty volumes of the Encyclopædia Brittanica, bound in leather, and other books valuable on account of their being rare and out of print.

GIFTS BY A NON-MASON.

The Grand Lodge is under a debt of gratitude to Mr. A. W. Houston Stewart, of Stonewall, Man., a non-Mason, who generously donated to the Library, twenty-nine rare and valuable books.

PROCEEDINGS DONATED.

Special thanks are due to the Grand Lodge of Kansas, for Proceedings from date of organization in 1855 to 1894, except 1872 and 1881. Five volumes of these are handsomely bound. Also to the Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. R. of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States for bound volume of its Bulletins and Proceedings sent at the request of M.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, Grand Master.

OTHER DONATIONS.

The following donations are worthy of special mention :

R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. VanEtten, Winnipeg, 50 volumes.
R.·. W.·. Bro. R. C. Brown, Winnipeg, 17 volumes.
W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden, Winnipeg, 12 volumes.
Bro. James McDiarmid, Winnipeg, 30 volumes.
Smithonian Institute, Washington, D.C., 30 volumes through Hon. Knute Nelson.
W.·. Bro. R. P. Crookshank, M. D., Rapid City, 60 volumes.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Believing that a well selected Library should be supplied with books on all possible subjects, and as many publications specially interesting to citizens of this new country are issued by the government of Great Britain, Canada and the United States, I made an effort to obtain these, and with that purpose in view communicated with the following :

The High Commissioner for Canada in London.
Hon. Knute Nelson, Senator, Minnesota.
N. F. Davin, Q. C., M. P., Regina.

The publications received through the influence of Hon. Mr. Nelson, are too numerous to mention in detail, but they constitute almost a library in themselves, and they will appear in the catalogue soon to be issued. I must, however, specially refer to the Congressional Record which is regularly received, and which contains the debates of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States. Our Library is the only one in Manitoba where this valuable publication is found on fyle.

Through the kindness of Bro. Davin, the "Hansard" has been regularly received, and many valuable government publications and maps. The thanks of Grand Lodge are due to these two benefactors of our Library.

A courteous letter was received from the High Commissioner in London, stating that Her Majesty's Government exchanged official documents with the Dominion and Provincial Governments, but the authorities were not prepared to extend that arrangement to meet applications from libraries for these publications, as to do so a precedent would be formed and the demand for the gratuitous supply of official publications immensely increased.

EXPENDITURE.

The amount expended in the purchase of books, etc., during the year 1895 aggregates $445.90. There is an unexpended balance of $212.73 now at the credit of the Library Account, but this amount will be required to discharge accounts for binding, and to pay for books ordered but not yet received.

NUMBER OF BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

Including books and pamphlets now in the Library, and others in the hands of the binders, the catalogue shows nearly eight hundred volumes.

CANADIAN DEPARTMENT.

About sixty books have been added during the past year relating to Canada, and works on other subjects written by Canadian authors. These treat principally of the early explorations and settlement of our country, its history, and sketches of those who have devoted their lives in patriotic efforts to do service to their country. I would appeal to the brethren of this jurisdiction, and to authors and others, to assist us by donating books for this department.

CATALOGUE.

A catalogue of the books in the Library has been prepared and is now ready for printing. There has been no attempt at classification, it being deemed advisable to defer the publication of a classified catalogue until at least 2,000 volumes are acquired.

BINDING.

A large number of volumes of Proceedings and Periodicals have been laid aside for binding, awaiting a special appropriation for this purpose.

THANKS.

Our thanks are due to R.·. W.·. Bro. W. C. Copeland for valuable assistance rendered in cataloguing the books in the Library. Our brother was for a number of years a member of the Committee on Library, in which capacity he rendered valuable service. He is always

willing to give his services, no matter what amount of labor may be involved.

THE READING ROOM.

The reading room in connection with the Library will confer an additional boon on many of our own members, and will also afford a resting place for brethren visiting in the City. Here they can read the Masonic and other periodicals of the day, receive their letters and conduct their correspondence.

The following newspapers and periodicals of our own country, and those from abroad, will be found on our shelves and tables, viz:

"The Telegraph," London, England, daily edition.
"The Times," London, England, weekly edition.
"The Globe," Toronto, daily edition.
"The Mail and Empire," Toronto, "
"*The Telegram*," Toronto, "
"The Gazette," Montreal, "
"*The Herald*," Montreal, "
"*The Free Press*," Winnipeg, "
"*The Tribune*," Winnipeg, "
"*The Nor'-Wester*," Winnipeg, "
"The Pioneer Press," St. Paul, "
"*The Courier*," Perth, Ont., weekly edition.
"The Graphic," London, Eng., "
"The Illustrated London News," "
"The Nation," New York, "
"Puck," New York, "
"Judge," New York, "
"Punch," London, England, "
"The Freemason," London, Eng., "
"*The Review*," Portage la Prairie, "
"*The Semi-Weekly Review*," Rat Portage.
"*The Western World*," Winnipeg, monthly.
"Harper's Magazine," New York, "
"Century," New York, "
"Scribner's Magazine," New York, "
"Munsey's Magazine," New York, "
"Cosmopolitan Magazine," New York "
"McClure's Magazine," New York, "
"The Canadian Magazine," Toronto, "
"Review of Reviews," New York, "
"Chambers' Journal," London, Eng. "
"The Forum," New York, "

"The Idler," London, Eng., monthly
"*The Silent Echo*," Winnipeg, "

Those printed in italics are supplied by the publishers free of charge, for which our thanks are now tendered. The Craft Lodges of the City of Winnipeg have provided the necessary funds to obtain the other newspapers and magazines enumerated in the foregoing list.

"The following Masonic Magazines and Periodicals are regularly received, and our thanks are again tendered to the publishers:

"Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Illinois.
"American Tyler," Chicago, Illinois.
"Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Indiana.
"Trestle Board," San Francisco, California.
"Masonic Chronicle," New York.
"Texas Freemason," San Antonio, Texas.
"Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.
"Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"The Orient," Kansas City, Missouri.
"The Australian Keystone," Melbourne, Victoria.
"The Kansas Freemason," Wichita, Kansas.
"The Freemason," Toronto, Ontario.
"The Canadian Craftsman," Toronto, Ontario.

COURSE OF LECTURES.

Arrangements were made during the winter months for a course of lectures, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of furniture for the Reading Room. No one who attended the lectures will deny that they were intellectually a great success, but regret was felt that they did not receive a more enthusiastic support from the Masons of Winnipeg. A large majority, however, though absent, evinced their interest in the object of the lectures by taking tickets.

The lecturers were our esteemed brethren M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, D.D., R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. C. B. Pitblado, and Bro. N. F. Davin, M.P., Q.C. These brethren are always willing to devote their time and talents to the welfare of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), seconded by W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin (10), the Report of the Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows ;

At a regular meeting held on the June 19, 1895, R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson was elected President, and V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, Vice-President. At the same meeting the various committees were elected and appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Your Board has great pleasure in reporting that the steps taken by the Grand Secretary and the Library Committee to form a new Library have met with great success, and that their efforts have resulted in placing at the disposal of the brethren a Library very nearly as valuable as the one that was destroyed by fire in the Western Canada Block.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication a suitable testimonial has been prepared for M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, and your Board recommends that the same be presented to him at this Communication.

At the last meeting of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories an ordinance was procured incorporating the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and conferring upon that body and Lodges under its jurisdiction the like corporate powers as are given under the act of incorporation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba by the Legislature of this Province. Two Lodges have availed themselves of its provisions and acquired Masonic Halls.

During the past year the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg completed the erection of a most suitable building to serve as a home for Masons and the brethren of this jurisdiction. The building was erected under the most careful management of the Directors of the Association, and the brethren of this jurisdiction are under a great debt of gratitude to them for the zeal and energy which they have shown in its construction.

In accordance with the recommendation passed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, suitable rooms have been obtained from the

Association for the Grand Secretary's office and Library. A lease was made for the term of five years at an annual rental of $200 per annum, that sum to include heating, lighting and caretaking.

At a meeting held on the 7th October, 1895, the M.W. Grand Master brought up the question of the advisability of healing brethren of the illegitimate and now defunct Grand Lodge of Ontario. A communication was also read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, detailing the method adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada in healing Masons made by such illegitimates. After a general discussion it was deemed advisable and in the general interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction for our Grand Master to heal such irregularly made Masons, and a resolution was passed adopting the procedure followed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario.

Your Board requested the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to appoint committees to report on the following subjects :

1. The character of the regalia adopted by the Lodges. 2. A ritual for the degree of Installed Master. 3. To revise the funeral service.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master in accordance with the foregoing request, appointed committees to report on these different subjects and their reports will be laid before you.

The recommendation made at the last Annual Communication to obtain portraits of deceased Past Grand Masters and clothing for Grand Officers was not carried out for want of funds at the disposal of your Board.

Your Board has considered and adopted the reports of the several committees.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire at this session of the Grand Lodge, namely :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson,		R.·. W.·. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten,	
" " " John McKechnie,		" " " John Chambers,	
" " " William A. Windatt,	V.	" " " James A. Carley,	
" " " Willard C. Copeland,		" " " Herman J. Eberts.	

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had under consideration the following matters referred to it and respectfully recommends thereon as follows:

Innisfail Lodge, No. 58, vs. H. B. Brashier. } Expulsion, no appeal.

The information charges the defendant with cheating and defrauding brethren, and obtaining valuables and money under false pretenses. There was no defence filed by the defendant, but the defendant was served with a notice of the complaint. The record in this case shews upon its face that all the preliminary proceedings necessary for a trial had been observed. The defendant was served by posting to his last address a copy of the complaint. The Lodge acquired complete jurisdiction over the defendant. The evidence properly taken and the trial regularly held, and by unanimous ballot the defendant was found guilty, and by a second unanimous ballot the defendant was sentenced to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Notice of the sentence was duly served upon the defendant by posting the same to his last known address. There is no appeal. Your Committee recommends that the action of the Lodge be affirmed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Your Committee has considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution and finds nothing at variance with Masonic law on usage therein.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10,) seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry in this jurisdiction begs leave to report :

A perusal of the address of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master and the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters leave no room for doubt as to the healthy tone prevading Masonic Lodges throughout every part of the vast jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Here and there is found some weedy specimen that requires shaking up, but so few and far between are they, and so bright are the prospects of speedy amendment, that your Committee forbears to emphasize the remarks already made.

Your Committee notes with pleasure the greater promptitude of the several District Deputy Grand Masters in sending in the reports of their districts in season. From these it is gathered that the hints and recommendations conveyed in the report of your Committee presented at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge have not reached deaf ears, nor have they been passed over unheeded. There is a beautiful rhythm running through these reports as well as that of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master that tells of the genius of Masonry and evinces the wisdom, strength and beauty of the tenets and landmarks of the Order. Is it a little thing that in a jurisdiction so vast, from the boundary of Ontario on the East, over 1,000 miles west to the heart of the Rockies, and from the parallel of 49° to the eternal frosts of the north pole, there should, masonically speaking, be absolute peace and concord ? Is it not a source of the highest gratification to feel that "a cloud not so big as a man's hand" has arisen to disturb the peace and harmony that exists in the relations established by this Grand Lodge with other Grand Lodges wherever they may be, especially those throughout this continent and the mother land ? Such your Committee believes to be the characteristic state of Freemasonry throughout the habitable globe, and it is not unduly magnifying the Order to express the opinion that to Freemasonry is due in a large measure the alleviating,

helpful, generous, peace-loving impulses that animate the larger and better minds of the civilized world. Was it not in accordance with this spirit of peace and brotherly accord, that lately, when the evil one seemed to be fast growing dominant and darkness came brooding over this continent, threatening out of its gloomy shades to scatter war and desolation, there should come down from the north the cool, loving, brotherly message of peace and good will, that spite of every demon, worked its way into every Masonic bosom and was returned laden with sweetest perfume and incense. Masonry has indeed a great and noble mission.

Complaints come from at least one quarter that the rough minutes have not been regularly read. It is constitutionally provided that these should be read before the closing proceedings at every Lodge meeting. The constitution should be obeyed. Your Committee, however, cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that this provision of the Constitution should be modified or abolished. It is asking too much of human nature to require members after a long evening of work and business to listen to the droningof a sleepy secretary as he reads over his hastily prepared, semi-legible, illy-constructed rough minutes. Is it not sufficient, simply to re-read the motions respecting expenditure or otherwise and curtail this tiresome obligation ? "Short prayers after the sermon are always in order."

No reports have been received from No. 6 and 8 Districts.

The practice of notifying District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Lodge meetings throughout his district should be insisted on and delinquents in this respect should be reported.

A noteworthy phase of Masonry in this jurisdistion is the almost universal fact of the ownership of the Lodge rooms being vested either in the Lodges or in active Masons, who have constructed the building with the view of the utilization of the whole or at least the upper part to Masonic purposes. In all the reports, favorable mention has been made of the excellent equipment of furniture, jewels, etc., and no report is without an allusion to the hospitality, courtesy and forethought which marked the various official visits. This is as it should be.

Your Committee begs to express its unqualified approbation of the efforts, chiefly of Winnipeg Masons, to provide a building wherein the Grand Lodge may ever find a habitation and a home. The Masonic Temple in which the Grand Lodge for the first time meets, has been dedicated and devoted to Masonic uses only. It forms a centre about which the thoughts and sympathies of Masons may constantly dwell ;

a home in which Masons may learn to know and love each other better, where rival jealousies, except those in strife for high and holy objects, are unknown ; whence truth may emanate ; and wherein peace shall dwell. Its beautiful halls draw larger numbers and makes meeting together a pleasure.

The Librarian has found a thoroughly proper place for the partly restored Library. The Grand Secretary has, after dove-like wanderings found a resting place, and brethren generally a place of joy and rejoicing. Cannot every brother join heartily in this work so happily accomplished, and give honor to the Masonic Temple Association ? Will not every Mason evince his regard and appreciation by becoming a shareholder in the Association and thus have part and lot and a feeling of pride in its ownership ? Your Committee feels that the completion of this edifice is the time for joy and rejoicing, and confidently hope for the fullest measure of brotherly support to the promoters of this most worthy undertaking.

May brotherly love continue.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to our relations

with Foreign Jurisdictions, is pleased to be able to report that our relations with all Foreign Grand Bodies continue to be of the most fraternal and harmonious character.

We are especially gratified at the receipt of the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota adopted at its last Annual Communication, in response to a resolution passed by the Masonic Lodges of the City of Winnipeg, expressive of the friendship and good-will which we hold towards the brethren of our sister jurisdiction of Minnesota, and which was passed at a time when appearances led to the opinion that there might be a conflict between the two great English-speaking nations of the world. We thoroughly appreciate and heartily reciprocate the fraternal sentiments therein expressed, and sincerely express the hope that nothing will ever occur to disturb the harmony that has always existed between these two grand bodies.

Referring to that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to intercourse with foreign Grand Lodges, your Committee finds that all, or nearly all, foreign Grand Lodges were in existence prior to the organization of this Grand Lodge and that formal recognition by this Grand Lodge would be unwarranted ; but your Committee is of the opinion that this question should be left in its hands for attention, and report at the next Annual Communication.

In the matter of the illegal making of a Mason by a Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, of material rejected by Doric Lodge No. 36 of this jurisdiction, as this matter is still a subject of correspondence, your Committee feels that it would not be proper to comment upon the case at present.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,

Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. W. A. Windatt, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Finance begs to report that the receipts for the year were $2,507.38, made up as follows : From Lodges for dues and supplies as per Grand Secretary's Report, $2,495.93. Refund of overpayment, $7.00. Interest as per report of Grand Treasurer, $4.45. The expenditure was $3,793.60, and the balance on hand at credit of the several accounts were as follows : General Account, $34.68. Benevolent Account, $104.07, and Special Account, $755.22.

The finances of Grand Lodge have been carefully looked after, and no expenditures have been made but those necessary for the carrying on the business of the Grand Lodge.

The net gain for the year was $386.32. Our income not being large our gains are necessarily limited, but it is satisfactory to note that our financial position is steadily improving.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. WINDATT,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M. :

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation begs leave to report

that it has examined the books and the petitions for Charters, as required by the Constitution, of the following Lodges:

RUSSELL LODGE, RUSSELL, DISTRICT NO. 5.

Dispensation issued 10th July, 1895. Instituted 13th August, 1895. Has held ten regular meetings and two emergent meetings. Initiated 6, passed 5, raised 3. Total number at date of this report, 20. Balance on hand, $62.95. No debt. Has the usual books. Returns correct.

At a meeting on the 27th December, 1895, a motion was passed by the Lodge appointing a brother to fill one of the offices. This is a prerogative which should be always exercised by the Master, and should not be done by vote of the Lodge. At some meetings the Lodge was closed to a lower degree for the purpose of conferring a degree, and subsequently the meeting closed down instead of going back to the third degree. The usual course is to suspend labor in short form from the third degree to the degree in which it is intended to do work, and when the work has been completed to open in short form back to the third degree, and then close the Lodge in the three degrees.

The work of this Lodge shows that great care and attention has been paid by the Master, Secretary and other officers to the general well-being of the Lodge. At the same time we feel that greater attention should be paid to the form of minutes given in the Appendix to the Constitution. The rough minutes are not always read at the close of a meeting. The minutes of this Lodge shew that several candidates for membership were rejected. While it is a matter of regret that candidates should be proposed not acceptable to a Lodge, at the same time it reflects to the credit of a Lodge to show that the members are careful to select good material for their membership. We know of no more important work in the general interests of Masonry than that of committees appointed to report on the character of candidates. A false step made in the recommendation of an unworthy member cannot be rescinded after initiation, and only brings discredit on the Craft in general.

COMPOSITE LODGE, ALEXANDER, DISTRICT NO. 7.

Dispensation granted 17th February, 1896. Instituted 5th March, 1896. Has held four regular meetings. Initiated 6, passed 6, raised 5. Total membership, 17. Cash on hand, $82.90. Has the necessary books, and returns are correct.

At a meeting on the 22nd April a candidate was introduced for initiation. No mention made if initiated. Although this Lodge has

been at work only a short time, the minutes evidence a high degree of efficiency on the part of the officers. We would, however, recommend careful reference to the forms of minutes given in the Appendix to the Constitution.

HOLLAND LODGE, HOLLAND, DISTRICT NO. 3.

Dispensation granted 20th November, 1895. Instituted 27th November, 1895. Held seven regular and six emergent meetings. Initiated 11, passed 8, raised 8. Total membership, 19. Cash on hand, $131.31. Has no debt. Returns found correct. Has the necessary books.

This Lodge has had a very active and prosperous career from its institution, as appears by the number of brethren initiated and the balance on hand. The minutes also show careful attention on the part of the Secretary, and of the general work of the Lodge by the W. M. and his officers.

In some cases the minutes show that the Lodge was closed from the third degree to the degree in which it was intended to do work, and after the completion of work the Lodge is closed down. The proper course to adopt is for the Lodge to be closed in short form from the third degree to the degree in which it is intended to do work, and after the work is done to close in short form and return to the third degree, and then close the Lodge regularly down in the three degrees.

RED DEER LODGE, DISTRICT NO. 9.

Dispensation granted 15th June, 1894. Instituted 23rd June, 1894. Dispensation continued the 10th day of October, A.D. 1895. Membership as per last report, 10. Present membership, 11. Cash on hand, $6.44.

There does not appear to have been any regular meeting of this Lodge between the 26th August, 1895, and the 27th April, 1896. It would appear that this Lodge started under unfortunate circumstances, but from the correspondence and returns received by your Committee the conclusion is arrived at that it has a brighter future, and that under the management of its present Master, W.·. Bro. C. P. Gee, it will become an active working Lodge, and we can only hope that the efforts of W.·. Bro. Gee and his officers during the coming year will result in placing the Lodge on a prosperous basis.

Your Committee would recommend that charters be granted to the following Lodges :

Russell Lodge, No. 62, Russell ....District No. 5.
Holland Lodge, No. 63, Holland .... " " 3.
Composite Lodge, No. 64, Alexander .... " " 7.

Your Committee would also recommend that the dispensation of Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer, District No. 9, be continued for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, begs leave to report thereon :

That it is a matter of sincerest congratulation to find Masonry laying broad its foundations everywhere, and especially in this jurisdiction, on the eternal verities of peace and brotherly love. The exemplification of this fact in the incident more fully referred to in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is evidence that cannot but appeal to every man who prizes honor and virtue above every other external advantage.

Let us stand with heads uncovered in the presence of the fraternal dead while we inscribe upon our hearts and in our records a memorial of their lives nobly spent. To their sorrowing widows and orphans, wherever they may be, we offer our sincerest sympathy.

It is to be noticed that the number of Lodges increases, and we feel assured the new Masonic centres lately placed under dispensation will fulfil the mission entrusted to them.

Your Committee acquiesces in the recommendation of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master that Lodges should be constitutionally enabled to attend Divine Service under simple regulations and at least expense. The question of granting dispensations to Lodges to appear in regalia at festivities in Lodge room or elsewhere should be carefully considered by Grand Lodge and determined.

The Committee deems the stand taken by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master in respect to allowing candidates to receive the three degrees at one and the same time, the correct one. The refusal to grant a dispensation to a Lodge to appear in regalia at a church service, to be held jointly with several benevolent societies, must be determined in each case by all the circumstances surrounding it, and doubtless in the case referred to the M.·. W.·. Grand Master worthily exercised his prerogative.

Your Committee concurs in the decision that at least seven Master Masons must be present to open a Master Mason's Lodge.

The healing of the brethren belonging to the defunct Ontario schism marks an epoch, and illustrates the wisdom and foresight of our early Master builders. Your committee commends for future adoption the procedure followed by the Grand Master.

It is gratifying to read the record of the official visits made by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master; to meet such large numbers of broad-minded, earnest, hospitable Masons, filled with human kindness; to visit thoroughly equipped Lodge rooms; to find evidences of undoubted zeal, liberality and love for the ancient order, more especially evinced in the ownership of the buildings occupied, tending to lend tribute to the permanent character of our institution.

The several recommendations in the various reports of Committees appointed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, will doubtless receive full consideration.

It is pleasurable to feel that no cloud, even so small as a man's hand, has arisen on the horizon of our relations with foreign jurisdictions. A definition of our status as Masons within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges with whom we have as yet established no correspondence may well form the subject of careful thought on the part of this Grand Lodge. Your Committee agrees with the suggestion that the

subject be referred to a committee to report at the next Annual Communication.

Your Committee most heartily joins in congratulating Grand Lodge in possessing a place of meeting ecxlusively devoted to Masonic purposes. Your Committee expresses the hope that the Masonic Temple Association and its officers may meet the full reward of their self-denying and unselfish labors. May peace, the handmaid of love and virtue, find ever a place within the walls of this Temple, dedicated to the aims and purposes of Freemasonry, among the foremost of which are the elevation of humanity, the protection of the innocent, and relief of the distressed.

Fraternally submitted,

S. P. MATHESON,
THOMAS ROBINSON,
G. W. BAKER,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V.·. W.·. Bro James A. Carley, from the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M. :

Your Committee of the Board of General Purposes to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary begs leave to report as follows :

That the very exhaustive report of the Grand Secretary is an evidence of the extension of the Order, and that the routine work of the Grand Secretary's office has now become of a very operose character.

No doubt this extension is largely due to the indefatigable exertions of the Grand Secretary, and justifies the action and wisdom of Grand Lodge in each year re-electing to such a responsible position a brother of the capability of R.·. W.·. Bro. Scott.

Your Committee notices with pleasure that steps are being taken by brethren, who had been misguided in their Masonic paths, in joining the spurious Grand Lodge of Ontario, to return to the straight road to Masonic knowledge, and trust that the time may not be far distant when all the members of that defunct body may do as the brethren referred to have done.

Your Committee observes that a very large percentage of the dispensations asked for is for the purpose of attending divine service. This is an evidence that principles of morality taught by the Order are having good effect.

Your Committee regrets that the finances of the Grand Lodge are not sufficiently plethoric to admit of the continuance of the practice of securing portraits of deceased Past Grand Masters, but we trust that when an improvement takes place that the suggestion of the Grand Secretary will be acted upon.

Your Committee regrets that the matter of incorrect returns by subordinate Lodges has to be referred to each year by the Grand Secretary We quite agree with the Grand Secretary that the most prolific cause is the yearly change in the occupant of the office of Secretary, and as that position is usually looked upon as a stepping stone to a higher one there does not appear to be any hope for improvement in the near future.

If each brother on his election to any office would only consider the interests of the Lodge instead of his own aggrandizement, such references by our Grand Secretary would soon disappear. We also desire to impress upon the Secretaries of subordinate Lodges the necessity of making their returns within the time specified, and while as the Grand Secretary says there are no serious results, yet, as a matter of promptness, it would be better if the instructions were duly executed.

We are indeed pleased to see the large number of initiations during the year in the several Lodges, and trust that the material has been of good quality. While the initiations are numerous and the number of joining members large, yet the number of suspensions for N. P. D. is also large, which is to be regretted.

We observe that the proportion of rejections is very small. This would indicate that only very excellent material was proposed or that

unwonted carelessness prevailed. We trust that to the latter we may not atribute the satisfactory increase in our membership.

Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing its extreme and special pleasure on the magnanimous action of Mr. Wm. Bannatyne, son of our esteemed late W.·. Bro. A. G. B. Bannatyne, and would wish that it were possible to confer some special thanks to the donor. We are also pleased to note the very fraternal action of the M.·. W.·. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota in the matter of the mementoes referred to by the Grand Secretary, and trust that suitable recognition of the action may be taken, if it has not already been done.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. CARLEY,
THOS. W. TAYLOR,
GEO. W. BAKER. } *Committee.*

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following Report :

To the M·.· W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee has read with much interest and satisfaction the voluminous and valuable report presented by the Librarian. They are aware from personal knowledge that the work of the Librarian was very much increased during the past year, owing to his vigorous and untiring efforts to repair the loss caused by the fire, and also owing to the deep interest he took in the new Library and Reading Room in the Temple.

We note what he says about the comparatively small number of donations of books received from members in Winnipeg. But they believe that now that the Library is open to the more immediate inspection of the brethren in the City, such an increased interest will be aroused as should lead to a large addition to the number of our contributed books.

We note with great pleasure the Librarian's reference to the new Library and Reading Room. We have carefully inspected the Library room, and we very heartily congratulate Grand Lodge on the possession of a room so tasteful in all its fittings, so suitable to its purpose, and so admirably adapted for the comfort and convenience of those who may be able to use it. We venture to think that few Grand Lodges in Canada are so well supplied in this respect as is the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We remark with satisfaction the long list of those who have donated books to the Library, especially noting the almost world-wide area from which our benefactions have been drawn. The thanks of Grand Lodge seems specially due Bro. James Stewart of Prince Albert, and the Hon. Knute Nelson of Minnesota, for their valuable and timely generosity. We also note the generous gifts of R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten, R.·.W.·. Bro. R. C. Brown, W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden and Bro. James McDiarmid.

We note with great pleasure the really useful character of the works secured. The studious Mason will find a perfect treasure of information in the works now upon our shelves. Two subjects seem quite rightly to gain prominence in our lists, viz: works on Masonry and works illustrating the history, literature, etc., of our own Dominion.

We think a reasonable appropriation might well be made for binding periodicals and Proceedings. Current periodicals represent the thought of the day before it has become crystallized into the form of books, and often the great questions and problems of the day find better illustration from magazine articles than from books. We understand that a brother has kindly volunteered to prepare a classified list of leading articles in the various bound magazines in the Library. This, if carefully done, will greatly enhance the value of this part of our Library.

We consider that an excellent selection has been made of papers, magazines, etc., for the files of our Reading Room. We notice, with approval, the presence on the list of a goodly number of Masonic publications.

We regret exceedingly that larger numbers did not attend the lectures referred to in the Librarian's report. But the conspicuous difficulty of securing evenings free from other engagements and attractions will largely account for this fact. We think that in arranging for such a course of lectures by eminent and eloquent brethren, a most valuable step was taken in the direction of fulfilling the educational function of Freemasonry, which should never be lost sight of, and we trust that should a similar effort be made next season that it will secure the very cordial co-operation of the public in general, and the Craft especially.

Before closing our report, your Committee desires to place on record its unanimous testimony of the credit that is due the Librarian for the wisdom, enthusiasm and unwearying diligence he has bestowed upon the work of the Grand Lodge Library during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA,
THOMAS ROBINSON, } *Committee.*
W. A. WINDATT,

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MONEY GRANTS.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution the following notices of motion providing for money grants were given, to be introduced at the sessions of the Grand Lodge to be held on June 11th.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3)

Services of Grand Tyler	$ 10 00
Services of Assistant to Grand Tyler	5 00
Library	200 00
Printing Proceedings	250 00

By R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1)

Refund of travelling and expenses of Grand Master for past year.

By M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1)

Services of Stenographer and Typewriter for office of the Grand Secretary and Librarian for the ensuing year.. $60 00

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 11.50 o'clock p.m., until Thursday, June 11th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, June 11th, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

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REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

Your auditors beg leave to report that they have audited the books of Grand Lodge kept by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and

find the same agree with the bank books and are correct with the following exception:—According to the Grand Treasurer the balance to the credit of Current Account was $34.68; the books of the Grand Secretary show the balance to be $30.23. An omission from the books of the Grand Secretary of an item of interest, $4.45, accounts for this difference, which can be easily rectified by an entry in the accounts of 1896.

We deem it our duty to note in connection with the Current Account that the Committee on Finance found it necessary to borrow $80.87 from the Special Account with which to meet the liabilities of 1895, and this account in reality had a debit of $46.19 at the end of 1895.

According to the books the following are the balances to the credit of the several Bank Accounts of the Grand Lodge as at the end of 1895:

Current Account	$ 34 68
Special Account	755 22
Benevolent Account	104 07

We have compared the returns of the various subordinate Lodges with the Cash Book and Receipt Book; verified all payments and certify that the same are properly vouched and agree with the cheques drawn.

No chartered Lodge is in arrears, which must be considered very satisfactory, but we would point out that to secure this object, the books (which by Clause 91 of the Constitution should be closed on the 31st of December) as a matter of fact were not closed until after the 25th of March in this year, and were submitted for audit on the 15th day of May. The receipts given by the Grand Secretary since the close of 1895 and up to the actual date of closing the books were ante-dated to the 31st of December, according to a custom which has prevailed in previous years.

The subordinate Lodges are liable for one-half of the year's dues on the 24th of June and 27th of December respectively, and it is quite impossible to collect the amounts due on the last mentioned date before the 31st of December, and we would recommend that the Constitution be amended so as to provide for the closing of the books of Grand Lodge on the 26th of December in each year. This would give ample time for the collection of the dues payable on the previous 24th of June, and obviate the necessity for ante-dating receipts, which as to dates do not agree with the bank-book.

Accompanying this report are the following statements, viz:

1. Detailed Statement of Expenditure by Grand Secretary.
2. Yearly Statement by Grand Secretary.
3. Annual Report of Receipts from Lodges by Grand Secretary.
4. Cash Statement by Grand Secretary.
5. Distribution of Receipts by Grand Secretary.
6. Distribution of Expenditures for 1895 by the Auditors.
7. Statement of Receipts and Expenditures by the Auditors.
8. Cash Statement by Grand Treasurer.
9. Inventory by Grand Secretary showing the total assets of Grand Lodge at the end of 1895 to be $3512.92. The Grand Secretary reports that there is no outstanding liability chargeable to 1895.

We would recommend that Statements Numbers 5 and 6 be printed in addition to or in lieu of Statement Number 2.

No statement of the cash in the hands of the Library Committee has been submitted to us, and we therefore assume that this does not come within our jurisdiction.

By reference to the Proceedings of 1895, we find that the Grand Lodge authorized the following:—For "Printing Proceedings 1895, $200;" on this account there was expended $230.20; and for "Printing Constitutions, $225," upon which was expended the sum of $289.60.

The Grand Secretary reports the following insurance as carried by the Grand Lodge:

(*a*) Remington Typewriter..... $100 00
(*b*) Grand Master's Regalia..... 150 00
(*c*) Steel Plate in possession of The Copp, Clark Co. 500 00

It does not appear from the above that the library, fixtures, books and forms are covered by Insurance.

In conclusion, we beg to report that the books are neatly kept and we found the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary willing to afford every assistance in their power.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. BLACK,
J. OBED SMITH, } *Auditors.*

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31) the report of the Auditors, excepting the clauses relating to the closing of the books of Grand Lodge and the printing of financial statements, was received and adopted.

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AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following resolutions to amend the Constitution were presented and disposed of as follows :

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, (1)

Section 82 was amended by substituting the words "Second Thursday" for the words "Third Wednesday" in the second line.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10),

The last paragraph but one of Section 3 on page 5 was repealed and the following substituted, viz :—"At the close of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1897 the last two preceding paragraphs are to stand repealed and the following is to be substituted therefor, namely."

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MOTIONS TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. G. W. Baker (10),

That Section 91 be amended by striking out the words "of its members" in the seventh line and substituting therefor the word "brethren."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3) seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10),

That Section 128 be amended by striking out all the words after the word "regalia" in the second line of Sub-Section on page 38, and substituting the following: "Any Lodge shall, however, be permitted to wear instead of the rosette on the fall or flap of the apron, a medallion containing the name and number of the Lodge in a circle with silver letters on a sky-blue ground."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by W.·. Bro. J. Obed Smith (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3),

That Section 91 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "31st day of December" in the second line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty-sixth day of December."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10),

That Sub-Section 13 of Section 67 be amended by striking out the words "it may prescribe" at the end thereof, and substituting therefor "may be prescribed by the Board of General Purposes."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10),

That Section 59 be amended by adding after the word "procession" in the first line thereof the words "other than that of a funeral or attendance at Divine Worship."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10),

That Section 78 be amended by adding the following: "The Board shall also elect a Standing Committee on Grand Lodge Library, the members of which need not be confined to the members of the said Board."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10),

That Section 118 be amended by striking out therefrom the words "on the Grand Lodge Library."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10),

That Section 101 be amended by adding the following: "Provided that members of the Standing Committee on Grand Lodge Library need not be members of the said Board, and only three persons shall be elected to serve on such Standing Committee."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10),

That Section 122 be amended by adding after the word "Procession" in the Clause, "For a dispensation for any Public Procession" the following words: "Other than that of a funeral or attendance at Divine Worship."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10),

That Section 316 be amended by adding after the word "funeral" in the third line the following words, "and attendance at Church for Divine Worship," and by striking out in the third and fourth lines the following words, namely: "The urgency of which will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with him."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10),

That Section 317 be amended by adding after the word "Funeral" in the third line the words "or attendance at Church or Divine Worship."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

NOTICES OF MOTION WITHDRAWN.

By permission of Grand Lodge the following notices of motion were withdrawn :

By R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10),

That Section 203 be amended by adding after the word "elect" in the fifth line the following words: "Provided that should such regular days of meeting fall on a legal holiday, then such meeting may be called for any day, not more than one week preceding such regular day of meeting.

That Section 255 be amended by adding after the word "Master" in the fourth line thereof the following words: "And at the special meeting called in accordance with the proviso to Section 205 relating to the regular meeting falling on a legal holiday."

THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and North-Western Railway Co., and the Northern Pacific Railway Co., for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members, and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE, No. 1.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, tendering the Grand Officers the use of its regalia.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.·. W.·. BROTHER CHARLES N. BELL.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him for travelling and other expenses during his term of office.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-day (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.45 o'clock p.m., until to-day (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 11th, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Hon. Matthew M. Duffie, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, presented his Commission, was received with Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The distinguished brother replied in eloquent terms.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the Report of said Committee as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 54 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; 18 Lodges are represented by duly qualified officers; 25 Lodges are represented by proxy, and 11 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 71 duly quali-

fied Past Masters, and with Representatives a total vote of 200. Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:

1	Prince Rupert's,	W.·.	Bro. John Cameron Saul,	W. Master.
			Bro. Duncan W. McDermid,	S. Warden.
			Bro. T. Harry Webb,	J. Warden.
3	Ancient Landmark,	W.·.	Bro. William E. Hazley,	W. Master.
			Bro. Charles H. Enderton,	S. Warden.
4	St. John's,	W.·.	Bro. William Braden,	W. Master.
			Bro. Humphrey Hart,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Angus Grant,	J. Warden.
6	Emerson,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Rev. William J. Garton,	Proxy.
7	Assiniboine,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Frederick L. Newman,	Proxy.
8	King Solomon,	W.·.	Bro. Henry R. Whitworth,	W. Master.
9	Oakland,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw,	Proxy.
10	Northern Light	W.·.	Bro. Wm. Roderick Ross,	W. Master.
			Bro. Arch'd J. Bannerman,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Edw'd C. B. Bagshawe,	J. Warden.
11	Gladstone,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Arch. St. C. McGregor,	Proxy.
12	Stonewall,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Thomas Robinson,	Proxy.
14	Prince of Wales,	W.·.	Bro. Robert Hill Myers,	W. Master.
16	Kinistino,	W.·.	Bro. William Edw'd Hazley,	Proxy.
19	Brandon,	W.·.	Bro. William E. Thompson,	W. Master.
23	Wascana,	W.·.	Bro. Hamilton Lang,	Proxy.
24	Neepawa,	W.·.	Bro. John Wemyss,	W. Master.
25	Ionic,	W.·.	Bro. Edward Luke Milligan,	W. Master.
			Bro. William A. Ducker,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Francis J. Burd,	J. Warden.
26	Moose Jaw,		Bro. William Alex. Burton,	S. Warden.
27	Glenwood,		Bro. Rev. John W. Matheson,	J. Warden.
28	Bow River,	M.·. W.·.	Bro. William George Bell,	Proxy.
29	Carberry,		Bro. William John Nickle,	J. Warden.
31	Medicine Hat,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts,	Proxy.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Frederick S. Proctor,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	W.·.	Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin,	Proxy.
34	Qu'Appelle,	W.·.	Bro. John Cameron Saul,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. John McGuirl,	Proxy.
36	Doric,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. James Duncan Baine,	Proxy.
37	Alberta,		Bro. Robert N. Wilson,	S. Warden.
39	Birtle,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. John Chambers,	Proxy.
40	Deloraine,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Robert S. Thornton,	W. Master.
			Bro. George Patterson,	S. Warden.
41	North Star,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. John McKechnie,	Proxy.

42	Cascade,	W.·. Bro. Hascall Ransford,	Proxy.
43	Lebanon,	W.·. Bro. William Wilson,	W. Master.
45	Spitzie,	R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
46	Wapananung,	Bro. Rev. Fred. H. Tatham,	J. Warden.
48	Glenboro,	W.·. Bro. Martin Skolrood,	Proxy.
49	Temple,	W.·. Bro. Donald MacLean,	W. Master.
50	Killarney,	W.·. Bro. Findlay M. Young,	Proxy.
52	Hartney,	W.·. Bro. Richard Shore,	W. Master.
53	Edmonton,	M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed,	Proxy.
55	East Star,	R.·. W.·. Bro. James Johnson White,	Proxy.
57	Evening Star,	R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy,	Proxy.
58	Innisfail,	V.·. W.·. Bro. William Crawford,	Proxy.
60	Perfection,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas F. English,	Proxy.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
Chairman.

On Motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Carley (25), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers : M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), and M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), when the election proceeded with the following result :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), Morden, Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman (7) Portage la Prairie, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Frederick English (60), Calgary, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.

R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
W.·. Bro. Coulson Nicholas Mitchell (4), Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.
Bro. Rev. John William Matheson (27), Souris, Grand Chaplain.
And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:

V.·. W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10), Winnipeg, District No. 1.
W.·. Bro. Donald McLean (49), McGregor, District No. 2.
W.·. Bro. Martin Skolrood (48), Glenboro, District No. 3.
W.·. Bro. John Sutherland McKay (36), Boissevain, District No. 4.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Killops Patton (14), Minnedosa, District No. 5.
W.·. Bro. Joseph Marshall Coombs (16), Prince Albert, District No. 6.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Ainslie Lunham Young (27), Souris, District No. 7.
W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang (26), Regina, District No. 8.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter (53), Edmonton, District No. 9.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Gordon Mathews (37), Macleod, DistrictNo. 10.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of two years:

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25) Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black (4), Winnipeg.

V.·.W.·. Bro. James Alexander Carley (25), Winnipeg.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts (10), Winnipeg.
and W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley (3), Winnipeg, to serve for the unexpired term of R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), elected Deputy Grand Master and *ex-officio* a member of the Board.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments :

V.·.W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31), Medicine Hat, Grand Senior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick Stephen Proctor (32), Fort Qu'Appelle, Grand Junior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. John J. Jackson (1), Winnipeg, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley (3), Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts (10), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin (10), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Edward Thompson (19), Brandon, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Isaac Leece (50), Killarney, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Henry Ernest Hyde (45), Pincher Creek, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Henry Robert Whitworth (8), Morris, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith (1), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert Hill Myers (14), Minnedosa, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Charles Edward Dudley Wood (37), Macleod, Grand Pursuivant.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10) :

That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas F. English (10),

That the next Annual Communication be held at the village of Banff.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared "carried."

THANKS TO WINNIPEG LODGES.

It was moved by Bro. Robert N. Wilson (37), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. George E. Laidlaw (9), and Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Lodges of the City of Winnipeg, for their kindness in placing the Masonic Hall at the disposal of Grand Lodge for holding this Annual Communication.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master, conferred on the following brethren :

R.·. W.·. Bro. James Johnson White (25), Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William James Cooper (7), Portage la Prairie.
R.·. W.·. Bro. George Elgin Laidlaw (9), Carman.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander McNaughton (50), Killarney.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Lane (39), Birtle.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Arthur Lang (19), Brandon.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Frederick English (60) Calgary.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Thomas Finlay (31) Medicine Hat.

PRESENTATION TO M.·. W.·. BRO. THOMAS TWEED.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain collar. In presenting the testimonial the Grand Master referred in eloquent terms to the distinguished services which had been rendered to the Grand Lodge by the recipient, and assured him that this testimonial was an evidence of its appreciation of these services. The Grand Master further assured him that the love and affection of his brethren, with whom he had been associated, would follow him in his future walks in life, and expressed the wish that he might long live to wear the collar with credit to himself and honor to the Craft which holds him in such high respect and esteem.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Tweed made an eloquent and feeling reply, stating that it was a difficult task to reply to the complimentary expressions of the Grand Master regarding his services to the Craft and to the Grand Lodge. If he had been able to accomplish anything for the good of Masonry in the position to which the Grand Lodge had called him it could not have been done without the co-operation of his brethren. The many acts of kindness and consideration extended to him on all occasions would ever be remembered with feelings of gratitude and pride, and the beautiful testimonial with which he had been presented would always be treasured by himself, his wife and family as a most highly prized heirloom. He thanked the brethren for the testimonial which commemorated his service as Grand Master, and he expressed the hope that he would meet them year by year at the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and if at any session he was absent, through causes beyond his control, in spirit, at least, he would always be with them.

LEASE OF OFFICE AND LIBRARY IN TEMPLE.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. H. L. Watts (43), the Grand Secretary and the President of the Board of General Purposes were authorized to sign, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, a lease for the term of five years from January 1st, 1896, of the Grand Secretary's Office, the Library and the vault in connection therewith at a yearly rental of two hundred dollars, payable quarterly, the said rental to include heating, lighting and caretaking.

PUBLISHING LODGE BUSINESS IN PRESS UNMASONIC.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), and

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that it is unmasonic to give to the Press for publication, without the consent of the Grand Master, any of the business transacted at meetings of subordinate Lodges.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MAY REMIT FEES.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. H. L. Watts (43) seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), and

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be given authority to remit fees for dispensations upon the recommendation of the Grand Master.

THANKS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for its kindness in donating to this Grand Lodge the books, records and property of Northern Light Lodge No. 68.

THANKS TO MR. WM. BANNATYNE.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. H. L. Watts (43), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to Mr. Wm. Bannatyne, for his kindness in donating valuable papers relating to the early history of Freemasonry in the Canadian North-West.

STENOGRAPHER AND TYPEWRITER.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.·. W.· Bro. W. A. Windatt (3),

That the sum of sixty dollars be appropriated from the funds of Grand Lodge towards the salary of a typewriter and stenographer for the office of the Grand Secretary and Librarian.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5.30 o'clock p.m., until 8.30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 11th, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bros. Charles N. Bell, William G. Bell, Thomas Tweed and James A. Ovas.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-First Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 10 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. John William Matheson, Grand Chaplain.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

District Number One.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. George William Baker, *Winnipeg.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's ..... Winnipeg.
" 2—Lisgar ..... Selkirk.
" 3—Ancient Landmark ..... Winnipeg.
" 4—St. John's ..... Winnipeg.
" 6—Emerson ..... Emerson.
" 8—King Solomon ..... Morris.
" 10—Northern Light ..... Winnipeg.
" 12—Stonewall ..... Stonewall.
" 25—Ionic ..... Winnipeg.
" 55—East Star ..... Gretna.

District Number Two.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Donald MacLean, *McGregor.*

No. 7—Assiniboine ..... Portage la Prairie.
" 11—Gladstone ..... Gladstone.
" 24—Neepawa ..... Neepawa.
" 49—Temple ..... McGregor.

District Number Three.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Martin Skolrood, *Glenboro.*

No. 9—Oakland ..... Carman.
" 48—Glenboro ..... Glenboro.
" 51—Treherne ..... Treherne.
" 63—Holland ..... Holland.

District Number Four.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. John Sutherland McKay, *Boissevain.*

No. 13—Belmont ..... Morden.
" 30—Manitou ..... Manitou.
" 36—Doric ..... Boissevain.
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine.
" 50—Killarney ..... Killarney.
" 54—Oriental ..... Melita.

District Number Five.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. John Killops Patton, *Minnedosa.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales .. . .Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian..... .....Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle ....Birtle.
" 62—Russell ..... Russell.

District Number Six.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph Marshall Coombs, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16- Kinistino..... .....Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle..... ....Battleford.

District Number Seven.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Ainslie Lunham Young, *Souris.*

No. 19—Brandon ....Brandon.
" 27—Glenwood ....Souris.
" 29—Carberry .....Carberry.
" 43—Lebanon..... .....Virden.
" 44—Oak Lake..... .....Oak Lake.
" 52—Hartney..... .....Hartney.
" 64—Composite..... ....Alexander.

District Number Eight.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang, *Regina.*

No. 23—Wascana..... .....Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw.....Moose Jaw.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ....Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head..... .....Indian Head.
" 34—Qu'Appelle. ....Qu'Appelle.
" 35—Moosomin ....Moosomin.
" 46—Wapananung .....Broadview.
" 47—Ashlar..... .....Whitewood.
" 57—Evening Star.....Grenfell.
" 61—North-West Mounted Police.....Regina.

District Number Nine.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter, *Edmonton.*

No. 28—Bow River..... .....Calgary.
" 42—Cascade ....Banff.
" 53—Edmonton..... .....Edmonton.

No. 58—Innisfail ..... Innisfail.
" 60—Perfection ..... Calgary.
Red Deer ..... Red Deer.

District Number Ten.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Gordon Mathews, *MacLeod.*

No. 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 37—Alberta ..... Macleod.
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge.
" 45—Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek.
" 56—Maple Leaf ..... Maple Creek.

Recapitulation.

District Number One	10
District Number Two	4
District Number Three	4
District Number Four	6
District Number Five	4
District Number Six	2
District Number Seven	7
District Number Eight	10
District Number Nine	6
District Number Ten	5
Total	58

TABULAR STATEMENT OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. Dec. 27, 1895.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended U.M.C.	Suspended N.P.D.	Died.	Rejected.	Membership 27th Dec., 1894.	Membership 27th Dec., 1895.
1	Prince Rupert's	12	13	8	19	2	2	....	5	1	....	123	148
2	Lisgar	6	5	5	....	....	2	....	....	1	1	59	62
3	Ancient Landmark	14	18	17	6	1	8	1	3	1	4	171	179
4	St. John's	9	9	11	5	2	1	....	....	2	1	108	121
6	Emerson	1	1	2	2	....	1	....	1	....	....	30	31
7	Assiniboine	4	4	5	3	1	2	....	10	....	1	94	90
8	King Solomon	4	4	5	....	1	3	....	....	....	....	34	36
9	Oakland	4	3	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	31	35
10	Northern Light	1	1	1	2	....	2	....	....	1	....	67	67
11	Gladstone	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	30	30
12	Stonewall	....	1	1	1	...	2	....	....	....	....	27	26
13	Belmont	3	2	2	1	....	4	....	1	1	....	87	85
14	Prince of Wales	1	1	1	....	....	1	...	2	....	....	60	58
15	Corinthian	7	4	4	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	27	31
16	Kinistino	2	2	1	...	3	3	....	2	....	....	43	43
19	Brandon	12	7	9	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	97	109
23	Wascana	....	2	3	3	....	4	....	....	....	1	67	66
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	4	....	....	29	26
25	Ionic	4	6	7	1	....	4	....	5	....	...	97	93
26	Moose Jaw	7	8	8	....	2	3	....	4	1	4	46	47
27	Glenwood	5	3	3	2	1	1	....	2	....	1	29	34
28	Bow River	8	8	8	1	3	4	....	11	....	2	71	68
29	Carberry	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	29	28
30	Manitou	2	2	1	1	1	...	....	4	....	....	29	29

31	Medicine Hat	....	1	1	....	....	2	....	3	....	....	41	36
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	26
33	Indian Head	2	1	...	....	....	1	....	3	....	1	31	29
34	Qu'Appelle	1	1	....	2	....	...	....	....	1	1	24	26
35	Moosomin	1	1	2	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	39	36
36	Doric	3	4	4	1	....	1	...	1	....	1	42	44
37	Alberta	....	....	....	...	1	3	....	5	....	....	55	48
38	Battle	..	....	..	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	23	21
39	Birtle	2	3	1	....	....	7	....	....	....	....	37	32
40	Deloraine	1	1	1	....	..	2	....	....	2	....	36	33
41	North Star	1	1	2	1	1	...	....	....	....	....	44	47
42	Cascade	1	1	2	1	....	3	....	....	....	1	38	37
43	Lebanon	2	....	....	2	1	2	....	12	1	...	37	27
44	Oak Lake	3	....	....	....	....	3	....	4	....	....	27	23
45	Spitzie	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	25
46	Wapananung	1	2	2	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	13	12
47	Ashlar	2	3	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	20	23
48	Glenboro	4	5	3	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	42	43
49	Temple	2	2	2	....	...	2	....	....	...	....	18	18
50	Killarney	1	2	2	1	...	....	....	....	....	....	22	24
51	Treherne	1	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	23	22
52	Hartney	2	3	2	....	....	5	....	1	....	1	25	21
53	Edmonton	4	7	7	1	....	1	...	....	....	4	45	49
54	Oriental	I	1	1	2	...	1	....	....	....	1	27	29
55	East Star	...	1	1	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	17	17
56	Maple Leaf	2	5	5	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	18	19
57	Evening Star	4	2	1	....	..	2	....	....	....	....	22	24
58	Innisfail	5	5	5	2	....	....	1	...	....	1	8	14
60	Perfection	7	4	3	10	....	....	...	....	....	....	14	31
61	North-West Mounted Police	11	8	6	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	35
		176	176	167	84	20	100	3	84	13	27	2333	2413

LODGE DIRECTORY.

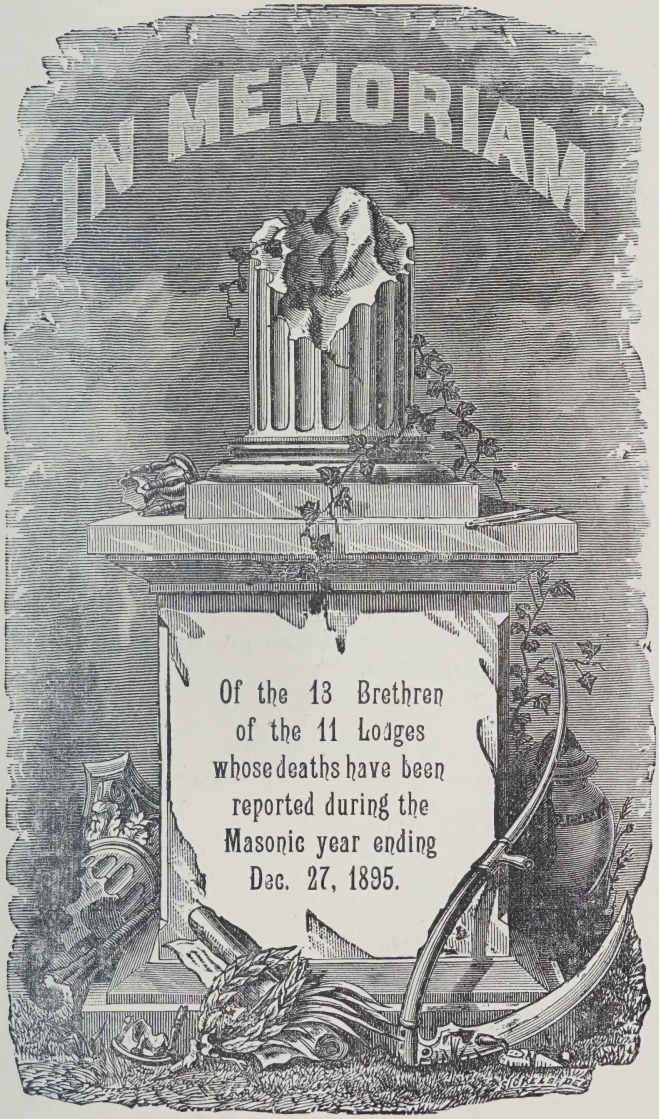
Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist; all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

	Name of Lodge.	Town and P.O. Address.	Municipality.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	J. C. Saul	G. A Hargrave	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	St. Andrew's	Manitoba	C. H. West	E. T. Hooker	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	W. E. Hazley	J. Malcolm Suttie	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Wm. Braden	S. G. G. Thompson	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson *	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	D. H. McFadden	Rev. W. J. Garton	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	George C. Armstrong	Alex. Bowman	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	H. R. Whitworth	R. F. McTavish	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	H. C. Cunningham	Fred. Starkey	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	W. R. Ross	W. S. Grant	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Thomas L. Morton	John Ferguson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	Rev. A. W. Goulding	Wm. Lindesay	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	David Kilgour	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	R. H. Myers	V.H.G.G. Pickering	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	R. P. Crookshank	Samuel Hunter	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	David C. McLellan	James Stewart	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Cornwallis	Manitoba	W. E. Thompson	G. S. Beer	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	W. C. Hamilton	Alex. Shephard	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	John Wemyss	John Kerr	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	E. L. Milligan	C. S. Holden	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	Chas. D. Fisher	John Franks	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Glenwood	Manitoba	J. W. Breakey	A. L. Young	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta		James Brogden	Second Monday in each month.
29	Carberry	Carberry	North Cypress	Manitoba	W. W. Ireland	E. H. Cope	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Pembina	Manitoba	Chas. D. Foley	James Herald	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	T. M. McKay	T. E. Perrett	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley *	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	James Dillon	Wm. E. Read	Tuesday on or after full moon.

33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	D. B. Macoun	T. T. Grimmett	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	D. S. McCannel	E. W. Warner	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	Daniel McFarlane	F. G. Lewin	Wednesday on or after full moon.
36	Doric *	Boissevain	Morton	Manitoba	Wm. Gordon	J. D. Baine	Tuesday on or before full moon.
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	C. E. D. Wood	Wm. Black	Wednesday on or before full moon
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	James A. Smith	J. B. Mercer	First Wednesday in each month.
39	Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	J. H. Roseborough	J. A. Johnston	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Manitoba	R. S. Thornton	M. A. Wilson	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star *	Lethbridge		Alberta	Thomas McNabb	Alex. Moffat	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Banff		Alberta	Frank Harper	David White	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon*	Virden	Wallace	Manitoba	Thomas Frame	H. H. Goulter	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake *	Oak Lake	Sifton	Manitoba	R. Neill	Arthur Thompson	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie *	Pincher Creek		Alberta	James Nicoll	E. J. Mitchell	Friday on or before full moon.
46	Wapananung *	Broadview		Assiniboia	Wm. Hodson	Rev. F. H. Tatham.	First Thursday in each month.
47	Ashlar *	Whitewood		Assiniboia	James Grierson	A. B. Gillis	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	South Cypress	Manitoba	J. R. Lumby	J. B. Mathers	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor	North Norfolk	Manitoba	Donald MacLean	W. B. Gilroy	Wednesday on or after full moon.
50	Killarney*	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	J. M. Baldwin	Richard Brown	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	South Norfolk	Manitoba	J. K. Robson	Adam Forbes	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Winchester	Manitoba	Richard Shore	B. McDermott	Tuesday on or before full moon.
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	R. B. Ferguson	Thomas Hourston	Third Friday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	A. L. Broderick	C. P. Estlin	Friday on or before full moon.
55	East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	R. M. Binney	H. W. Herchmer	Wednesday on or before full moon
56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	John Dixon	W. W. Anderson	Thursday on or before full moon.
57	Evening Star	Grenfell		Assiniboia	J. S. Chambers	F. W. Griffin	Tuesday on or after full moon.
58	Innisfail	Innisfail		Alberta	John A. Simpson	Chas. G. Ross	Third Thursday in each month.
60	Perfection	Calgary		Alberta	I. S. G. Van Wart	Chas. McMillan	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
61	North-West Mounted Police	Regina		Assiniboia	Robert Belcher	George Bates	First Thursday in each month.
62	Russell	Russell	Russell	Manitoba	F. G. Richardson	W. T. Potts	Wednesday on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland	South Norfolk	Manitoba	W. M. Scott	C. J. Crawley	Wednesday on or before full moon
64	Composite	Alexander	Whitehead	Manitoba	Wm. Fenwick	Wm. Dickson	Thursday on or before full moon.
	Red Deer	Red Deer		Alberta	Chas. P. Gee	G. W. Greene	Third Wednesday in each month.

DEATHS 13—11 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Alexander McDougall Brown	14 December, 1895.	Prince Rupert's	1
George Frederick Pearson	27 August, 1895	Lisgar	2
Henry Ahern Higginson	20 June, 1895	Ancient Landmark	3
James Dick	29 April, 1895	St John's	4
Edward Louis Hawkins	7 August, 1895	St. John's	4
John Charles Nelson	October, 1895	Northern Light	10
Thomas Alexander Shortreed	11 November, 1895	Belmont	13
William Bevan Crosbie	24 December, 1895	Moose Jaw	26
Alexander McIntosh	7 January, 1895	Carberry	29
Richard Bowen	8 November, 1895	Qu'Appelle	34
William Henry Daubney	3 February, 1895	Deloraine	40
Alexander Craigie McKay	23 April, 1895	Deloraine	40
Thomas Edward Colter.	16 November, 1895.	Lebanon	43
J. C. Nelson,	24 October, 1895		


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 13 Brethren
of the 11 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during the
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1895.

"They lived and they were useful ; this we know,
And naught beside ;
No record of their names is left to show
How soon they died ;
They did their work, and then they passed away,
An unknown band,
And took their places with the greater host
In the higher land."

IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

" Peace," then to these men's memory ; let it grow
Greener with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages ; let the mimic canvass show
Their calm benevolent features ; let the light
Stream on their deeds of love, that shunned the sight
Of all but heaven ; and in the book of fame
The glorious record of their virtues write,
And hold it up to men and bid them claim
A palm like theirs, and catch from them the hallowed flame."

In Memoriam.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN CLARK HAZLET,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada.
Died October 3rd, 1895.

M.·. W.·. BRO. MICHAEL SHOEMAKER,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
Died November 10th, 1895.

M.·. W.·. BRO. GEORGE ENOCH DOWLING,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
Died March 30th, 1896.

M.·. W.·. BRO. MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
Died May 7th, 1896.

M.·. W.·. BRO. EDWARD B. ROWE,
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
Died June 1st, 1896.

R.·. W.·. BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON DAME, D.D.
Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia,
Died December 24th, 1895.

" Rest for the toiling hand,
Rest for the thought-worn brow,
Rest for the weary way-sore feet,
Rest from all labor now."

" Rest in the quiet place of death,
In the silent lodge beneath,
Where the green springs ever bloom
In the low, low tomb—
Rest, sweetly rest."

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
James Keith Strachan	16 April, 1895	Prince Rupert's	1
John H. Sparling	15 May, 1895	Prince Rupert's	1
John William Gilbard	18 June, 1895	Prince Rupert's	1
Samuel T. Scott	17 September, 1895	Prince Rupert's	1
Henry Sarasin	19 November, 1895	Prince Rupert's	1
Major Compton Clark	9 December, 1895.	Ancient Landmark	3
Edward W. G. Gardiner	9 December, 1895.	Ancient Landmark	3
William Bearisto	9 December, 1895.	Ancient Landmark	3
Malcolm Fletcher Miller	6 June, 1895	Emerson	6
John Francis	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
William Fulton	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
Needler Hayden	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
Marshall Macklin	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
Archibald H. McIntyre	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
George Mills McKay	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
John McRobie	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
William Archie Prest	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
Oliver Williamson	20 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
Charles Johnson	20 December, 1895	Assiniboine	7
Thomas Henry York	31 October, 1895	Belmont	13
John Robertson	7 June, 1895	Prince of Wales	14
William Henry Garbutt	7 June, 1895	Prince of Wales	14
William Scott	2 July, 1895	Corinthian	15
William Drever	6 October, 1895	Kinistino	16
Randall Sutherl'd Smythe	1 November, 1895.	Kinistino	16
Arthur James Baker	25 December, 1895	Neepawa	24
John Everall	25 December, 1895	Neepawa	24
James Arthur Clare	25 December, 1895	Neepawa	24
James Bowmore Mutter	25 December, 1895	Neepawa	24
James Arthur Zimmerman	1 November, 1895	Ionic	25
Charles James Jamieson	1 November, 1895	Ionic	25
Harry Pridham Sanders	1 November, 1895	Ionic	25
Albert Edw'd J. Perceival	1 November, 1895	Ionic	25
Alexander McRae	1 November, 1895	Ionic	25
David Hill Purdon	8 January, 1895	Moose Jaw	26
William Dignam Palmer	8 January, 1895	Moose Jaw	26
William Goodwin	8 January, 1895	Moose Jaw	26
George Daniel Bedford	10 September, 1895	Moose Jaw	26
John Bradley Roberts	8 March, 1895	Glenwood	27
James Childs	8 March, 1895	Glenwood	27
William Houston	10 June, 1895	Bow River	28
Thomas Harris	10 June, 1895	Bow River	28
Charles Henry Parlow	10 June, 1895	Bow River	28
Lawrence John Rose	10 June, 1895	Bow River	28
Daniel E. Rielly	10 June, 1895	Bow River	28

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Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
Meinhard J. T. Sprenger.	10 June, 1895.....	Bow River.....	28
John William Bland.....	9 December, 1895.	Bow River.....	28
George Elliott.....	9 December, 1895.	Bow River.....	28
George Lane.....	9 December, 1895.	Bow River.....	28
George Monilaws.....	9 December, 1895.	Bow River.....	28
James Votier.....	9 December, 1895.	Bow River.....	28
Richard Nathaniel Lea...	29 November, 1895	Manitou.....	30
Thomas Andrew Shaw...	29 November, 1895	Manitou.....	30
George Walter Ullyott....	29 November, 1895	Manitou.....	30
Mathew Young.....	29 November, 1885	Manitou.....	30
Lachlan Camp'l McTavish	1 October, 1895...	Medicine Hat.....	31
George Barnett Nobbs....	1 October, 1895...	Medicine Hat.....	31
William Alfred Walker...	1 October, 1895...	Medicine Hat.....	31
William Elston Hall.....	5 April, 1895.....	Indian Head.....	33
Ernest Joseph Ridsdale...	5 April, 1895.....	Indian Head.....	33
Edwin Weston Spence....	5 April, 1895.....	Indian Head.....	33
John Hammil Gage.....	5 February, 1895.	Doric.....	36
Alfred Thomas Connelly..	10 April, 1895....	Alberta.....	37
John Benjamin Bright....	8 May, 1895.....	Alberta.....	37
Donald Watson Davis....	3 July, 1895.....	Alberta.....	37
Frederick W. G. Haultain	3 July, 1895.....	Alberta.....	37
John Joseph Marshall ...	3 July, 1895.....	Alberta.....	37
Lawrence Gibson Fraser.	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
Joseph Broadley.....	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
William Percy Roberts...	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
William T. B. Kennedy..	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
Clarence Edward Pineo...	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
John Spiers.....	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
James Spiers.....	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
James Downs.....	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
John Edward Gemmel....	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
Edward H. H. Stanley....	5 February, 1895.	Lebanon.....	43
Henry Charles Shaw.....	29 October, 1895..	Lebanon.....	43
William Muir Cushing....	29 October, 1895..	Lebanon.....	43
William Millis Shaw.....	6 June, 1895.....	Oak Lake.....	44
John Taylor.....	6 June, 1895.....	Oak Lake.....	44
Alexander Douglass.....	6 June, 1895.....	Oak Lake.....	44
James Johnston.....	6 June, 1895.....	Oak Lake.....	44
William M. Osborne.....	7 May, 1895.....	Hartney.....	52

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NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Frederick Philip Welsh ..	4 November, 1895	Ancient Landmark..	3
Foster Armstrong	7 March, 1895...	Wapananung.....	46

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Henry Bygrave Brashier..	1 July, 1895	Innisfail.....	58

RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

Alfred H. Lynch-Staunton	8 May, 1895 ..	Alberta.....	37

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Alex'r McDougall Brown..	19 March, 1895....	Prince Rupert's	1
Alexander Wilkes	21 May, 1895	Prince Rupert's	1
William Dawson	10 June, 1895	Ancient Landmark..	3
Wm. Urquhart McDonald..	5 June, 1895.....	St. John's	4
James Lyons.....	4 September, 1895	St. John's	4
Edward Henry G. G. Hay.	18 February, 1895	Assiniboine	7
Stewart Mulvey	1 January, 1895..	King Solomon	8
Edward Stanley	1 March, 1895 ...	Kinistino	16
William Young Davis	1 November, 1895	Kinistino	16
Alexander Dobbie	1 November, 1895	Kinistino	16
Alexander Munroe.....	3 August, 1895 ...	Moose Jaw.....	26
George Malcolm Annable.	8 October, 1895 ..	Moose Jaw.....	26
George Walter Harrison..	2 August, 1895 ..	Glenwood	27
Robert H. M. Rawlinson..	12 August, 1895 ..	Bow River.....	28
John Ellis	9 September, 1895	Bow River.....	28
Meinhard J. T. Sprenger..	9 September, 1895	Bow River.....	28
Robert Robson McTavish.	5 July, 1895	Manitou	30
George Edward Rowley...	11 November, 1895	North Star.....	41
Clarence Edward Pineo ..	16 November, 1895	Lebanon.....	43

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FORMATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

When Elected.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Senior Wardens.	Grand Junior Wardens.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.	Grand Registrars.	Grand Chaplains.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke.	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson..	* S. L. Bedson.....	* Col. John Kennedy	John H. Bell....	H. T. Champion...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson ..	G. F. Newcomb.....	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell....	J. W. Harris	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb	James Henderson..	John W. Harris.	.....	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell....	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ..	*F. T. Bradley	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell....	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ..	.....	‡ J. J. Johnson	John H. Bell....	‡ James Munroe ..	Rev. James Flett..
1880	John H. Bell	.....	* Hon. G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor ..	‡ J. J. Johnson	Wm. G. Scott ..	† D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†D. B. Murray..	.....	‡ J. J. Johnson	James Henderson	† D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson.	.....	‡ J. J. Johnson	....	† D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	John H. Bell	†D. B. Murray ...	.....	† John Smith, M.D..	‡ J. J. Johnson	Wm. G. Scott ..	D. Young, M.D...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	John H. Bell	.....	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	‡ J. J. Johnson	Wm. G. Scott ..	† Wm. Simpson ...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	.....	†Alfred Pearson ..	P. McGregor ...	† Thos. Collins.....	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	*J. W. H. Wilson	* Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	†Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor..	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon.....	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. G. Bell.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	Jas. S. Greig	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	Joseph Daniel	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson..	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	James A. Payne ..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1890	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	†T. McPherson..	Fred. L. Newman ..	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	†R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell	*JohnW.H.Wilson	Rich'd D. Foley	John Leslie	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	James G. Dagg ..	Rev.. William J. Garton.
1892	*John W. H. Wilson	D. J. Goggin	F. G. Lewin ...	Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie ..	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. A. Windatt..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thomas Robinson	Thomas Tweed..	Corbet Locke	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	J. H. Munson ...	Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed.....	Charles N. Bell ..	Corbet Locke ..	Hugh U. Bain.....	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	Rev. A. W. F. Cooper.	Rev. C.B. Pitblado
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1896	Corbet Locke	John Leslie	F. L. Newman..	T. F. English	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	C. N. Mitchell....	Rev. J. W. Matheson.

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara.	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895

From the United Kingdom.

England	Alfred Pearson	Toronto, Ont.	March 17, 1886
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 6, 1894

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	November 30, 1888
Arkansas	Mathew M. Duffie	Winnipeg	January 11, 1896
California	Fred. Leslie Newman.	Portage la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	November 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg	January 11, 1889
Distr't of Columbia.	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	November 27, 1888
Florida	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thos. Lewis Morton.	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg	August 28, 1876
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Brandon	December 20, 1892
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt	Portage la Prairie	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicol	Neepawa	December 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	May 16, 1888
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd	Minnedosa	February 12, 1891
Montana	John H. Bell	Roseland	November 22, 1875
Nebraska	Rich'd Dennis Foley	Manitou	November 13, 1890

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From the United States.

Grand Lodge	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	Corbet Locke	Morden	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	November 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	November 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	Duncan J. Campbell	Macleod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	December 15, 1883
Rhode Island	James George Dagg	Selkirk	December 8, 1894
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Fred'k L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Winnipeg	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa.	March 15, 1879
Utah	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 12, 1885
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1896
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assa.	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Dan'l H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
New Zealand	Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat	February 25, 1893
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885
Victoria	F. G. Lewin	Moosomin	February 14, 1894

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OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia ..	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick ...	Donald Munroe	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	J. F McDonald.....	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	Thomas A. McLean..	Charlottetown ..	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	September 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England.....	Thomas Fenn.....	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland.....	Geo. W. Shannon....	Dublin	December 30, 1890
Scotland	James Melville.....	Edinburgh.....	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael..	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver..	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson.....	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls....	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford....	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut.....	George W. Bentley...	New London ...	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson...	Wilmington.....	October 6, 1884
Dis't of Columbia..	J. F. R. Appleby....	Washington	October 16, 1895
Florida.....	Wm. M. McIntosh...	Tallahassee	January 6 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho.....	Martin Cathcart.....	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory...	W. Wiley Stewart....	Caddo	September 5, 1879
Iowa.....	Geo. M. VanLeuven.	Lime Springs ...	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana.....	Augustus M. Mayo ...	Lake Charles....	May 1, 1895
Maine.....	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

In The United States.

Grand Lodge	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	November 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	Joseph Carpenter	Gold Hill	October 2, 1893
New Hampshire	Josph Kidder	Manchester	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Burlington	November 23, 1894
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts	New York	December 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	C. F. Baldwin	Mount Vernon	March 7, 1893
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette	
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Danridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsiciana	September 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	September 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	April 10, 1891
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May	13, 1891
New South Wales.	Ellis Robinson	Sidney	November	10, 1893
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	November	24, 1887
New Zealand	Hon. Henry Feldwick.	Auckland	December	10, 1892
South Australia	James Magor Symons	Moonta	January	7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	February	16, 1891

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario)	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	F. W. Wisdom	St. John's.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Ireland	Arch'd St. George, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville,
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Charles C. Stevenson	Boise City.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka Choctaw Nat'n.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, Dw'r 81.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Mas. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, Mas. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary	Address.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. Temple.
North Carolina	John C Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinatti.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, P.O. Box 275.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 780.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	J. V. Bidgood	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson	Auckland, Mas. Inst.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

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Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the School House, at the Village of Grenfell, District of Assiniboia, on the afternoon of Monday, September 14th, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, at 3·: 30 o'clock.

PRESENT:

R.·. W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang (26) ....as Grand Master.
W.·. Bro. James Albert Sutherland (57)..as Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35) .....as Grand Senior Warden.
W.·. Bro. James Pollock (46) .....as Grand Junior Warden.
" John Ritchie Robertson (46) .....as Grand Treasurer.
" Norman Thomas Lee (57) ....as Grand Secretary.
W.·. " Daniel McFarlane (35) .....as Grand Registrar.
" Rev. James William Payne (57).....as Grand Chaplain.
" Peter Robertson (46) .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
" George Powell (57) ....as Grand Junior Deacon.
" Richard Beale (46)..... .....as Grand Organist.
" Dudley Charles Springett (57).....as Grand Steward.
" John Dickson (57).... .... as Grand Steward.
" William Richard Hare (57)..... .... as Grand Steward.
" James Allen Chisholm (57) ....as Grand Steward.
" Herman Des Barres (61) .....as Grand Tyler.

and members of Moosomin Lodge No. 35, Evening Star Lodge No. 57 and North-West Mounted Police Lodge No. 61.

Grand Lodge Opened.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* by R.·. W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang, Acting Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication of Grand Lodge was for the purpose of laying, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of the Masonic Temple to be erected by Evening Star Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M., G.R.M.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren, preceded by the Grenfell Citizens' Brass Band, marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the Acting Grand Master and Acting Grand Officers took proper and convenient positions where the corner stone was to be laid.

Bro. Rev. James W. Payne, Acting Grand Chaplain, then offered a prayer imploring that the building might be completed without accident and that it might perform a useful service to the Craft and to the community.

Bro. Norman T. Lee, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll about to be deposited in the cavity in the stone:

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 14th Day of September, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896,

And in the 60th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable CHARLES HERBERT MACKINTOSH, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories.

The Honorable WILFRED LAURIER, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable FREDERICK W. G. HAULTAIN, Premier of the North-West Territories.

M.·. W.·. Bro. CORBET LOCKE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

R.·.W.·. Bro. JOHN LESLIE, Deputy Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Bro. FREDERICK LESLIE NEWMAN, Grand Senior Warden.

R.·.W.·. Bro. THOMAS FREDERICK ENGLISH, Grand Junior Warden.

R.·.W.·. Bro. HAMILTON LANG, D.D. Grand Master District No. 8.

R.·.W.·. Bro. JOHN MCKECHNIE, Grand Treasurer.

R.·.W.·. Bro. WILLIAM GEORGE SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

R.·.W.·. Bro. COULSON NICHOLAS MITCHELL, Grand Registrar.

R.·.W.·. Bro. REV. JOHN WILLIAM MATHESON, Grand Chaplain.

W.·. Bro. SAMUEL CHAMBERS, W.M. Evening Star Lodge No. 57.

Bro. JAMES MCCOWAN, Senior Warden.

Bro. JOHN DICKSON, Junior Warden.

Brothers GEORGE WELDON, EDWARD FITZGERALD, PERCY RUTLEDGE CARTERET ELLIS and JAMES ALLEN CHISHOLM,
Building Committee.

MCJANNETT, PARLEY & TALMAY, Contractors.

W. A. M. FRASER, Architect.

The Corner Stone

OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE

Is laid in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft, by R.·.W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang on behalf of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of Evening Star Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M. G.R.M., a body duly incorporated under Ordinance No. 34 of 1895 of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories.

Bro. John Ritchie Robertson, Acting Grand Treasurer, placed a box in the cavity of the stone, containing the following:

A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

A copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the current year.

By-Laws of Evening Star Lodge No. 57.

Copies of the Manitoba Free Press, Moosomin Spectator, Regina Leader, Regina Standard, Grenfell Sun, The American Tyler, and the Christian Herald, also current coins of the Dominion of Canada.

The architect of the building, Mr. W. A. M. Fraser, then presented to the Acting Grand Master the plans of the proposed building and the working tools to be used.

Bro. George Weldon, Chairman of the Building Committee, then presented the Acting Grand Master with a silver trowel, suitably inscribed.

The stone was then lowered with three distinct stops into its proper place.

The Acting Grand Master addressed the Acting Grand Officers as follows:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper jewel of your office?

D.G.M.—The Square.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

D.G.M.—To square our actions by the square of VIRTUE, and prove our work.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the Foundation Stone which needs to be proved, and make report.

The R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master applied the Square to the stone, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The Acting Grand Master addressing the Acting Grand Senior Warden, said: Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, what is the jewel of your office?

G.S.W.— The Level.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

G.S.W.—Morally to remind us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the Foundation Stone and make report.

The R.·.W.·. Grand Senior Warden applied the Level, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then addressing the Acting Junior Grand Warden, said: Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the jewel of your office?

J.G.W.—The Plumb.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

J.G.W.—Morally it teaches RECTITUDE of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the Foundation Stone, and make report.

The R.·.W.·. Grand Junior Warden applied the Plumb, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone is plumb, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G.M.—This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master came forward with the vessel of corn which he scattered on the stone, saying:

I scatter this corn as an emblen of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

All the brethen responded—" So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men ; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved ; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor ; and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

All the brethren responded—" So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Master then delivered the following invocation, all the brethren remaining uncovered :

May the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this undertaking : protect the workmen from accident ; long preserve the structure from decay and ruin ; and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.

All the brethren responded—" So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Master advancing struck the stone three times with the gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

The Acting Grand Master then delivered over to the architect the implements of architecture, saying :

Worthy Sir, having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

The Acting Grand Master then ascended the platform and addressed the officers of Grand Lodge and the brethren and those assembled, as follows :

Men, women and children here assembled,—be it known unto you all that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practise universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have among us secrets faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We have assembled here this day, in accordance with our immemorial customs, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that he may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the Masons of this place.

The national anthem was then sung, after which the procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge room.

The Acting Grand Master then addressed the brethren on the proceedings of the day.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* at 5: 15 o'clock, p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the Town of Selkirk, Province of Manitoba, on the afternoon of Thursday, September 17th, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, at 3 o'clock.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13).....Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg (2).....as Deputy Grand Master.
" W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman(7). ..as Grand Senior Warden.
W.·. Bro. Lynds Smith Vaughan (2). ....as Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1).....Grand Treasurer.
" " " William George Scott (1).....Grand Secretary.
V.·. " " William McKay Taylor (2).....as Grand Registrar.
M.·. " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....as Grand Chaplain.
" " Thomas Black (10).....as Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Robert Bullock (2) .....as Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William Wiltshire Fryer (2)..as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W.·. " Richard Henry Gilhuly (2).....as Grand Organist.
" " John James Erskine (2) .....as Grand Steward.
" " Richard Cobden Moody (2) ....as Grand Steward.
" " William Gibbs (2) ....as Grand Steward.
" " Orton Irwin Grain (2) .....as Grand Steward.
" " Edward Thaddeus Hooker (2) .....as Grand Steward.
" " Robert Rennie (2) .....as Grand Steward.
" " John William Thornton (2).....as Grand Steward.
" " William Overton (2)..... .....as Grand Steward.
" " Archibald McLaren (1). .....as Grand Pursuivant.
" " John McBride (1) ....as Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....Past Grand Master.
" " " Charles Napier Bell (1).....Past Grand Master.
R.·. " " William George Scott (1) ...Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " James George Dagg (2) .....P.D.D.G.M.

Grand Lodge Opened.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication of Grand Lodge was for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of the Selkirk Public School.

The procession having been properly formed marched to the site of the building; on arrival the Grand Master and Grand Officers were received by the Trustees of the Public School Board, and took proper and convenient positions where the corner stone was to be laid.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Acting Grand Chaplain then invoked the Divine blessing and implored that the building might be completed without accident.

R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott, Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll about to be deposited in the cavity beneath the stone:

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 17th Day of September, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896,

And in the 60th year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable JAMES COLEBROOKE PATTERSON, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

The Honorable WILFRED LAURIER, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable THOMAS GREENWAY, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

M.·. W.·. Bro. CORBET LOCKE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.
R.·.W.·. Bro. JOHN LESLIE, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. FREDERICK LESLIE NEWMAN, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. THOMAS FREDERICK ENGLISH, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. GEORGE WILLIAM BAKER, D.D.G.M. District No. 1.
R.·.W.·. Bro. JOHN MCKECHNIE, Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. Bro. WILLIAM GEORGE SCOTT, Grand Secretary.
R.·.W.·. Bro. COULSON NICHOLAS MITCHELL, Grand Registrar.
R.·.W.·. Bro. REV. JOHN WILLIAM MATHESON, Grand Chaplain.

Hon. Thomas Greenway, Hon. D. H. McMillan, Hon. Robert Watson, Hon. Clifford Sifton and Hon. J. D. Cameron comprising the Board of Education of the Province of Manitoba.
Dr. E. A. Blakely, Chief Clerk.

Rev. C. R. Littler, Wm. Gibbs, Robert Rennie, Richard Gardner, D. F. Reid and W. W. Fryer, members of the School Board of School District No. 69.
Rev. C. R. Littler, Chairman.
William Gibbs, Secretary.

Dr. O. I. Grain, Mayor of the Town of Selkirk; Edwin Comber, R. Moncrieff, R. Comber, R. C. Moody, R. Bullock and J. G. Dagg, Councillors.
Thomas Partington, Secretary-Treasurer, Town of Selkirk.
R. Moncrieff, Architect.

The Corner Stone

OF THE SELKIRK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Is laid in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft, by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of the Public School Board of School District No. 69, Selkirk, Manitoba.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, placed a box in the cavity of the stone, containing the scroll and the following:

A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
A copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the current year.
A copy of the By-Laws of Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
Copies of the Daily and semi-weekly editions of the Manitoba Free Press, the Daily and Weekly Nor-Wester, the Daily and Weekly Tribune, the Selkirk Record, and Canadian Fishing Gazette.
One each of the current coins of the Dominion of Canada.

Rev. C. R. Littler, Chairman of the School Board, then presented the Grand Master with the plans of the proposed building and the working tools to be used. He also handed him a silver trowel borrowed by the Grand Secretary for the occasion.

The stone was then lowered with three distinct stops into its proper place. At the end of each stop the band played an appropriate selection.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master addressed the Grand Officers and Acting Grand Officers as follows:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper jewel of your office?

D.G.M.—The Square.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

D.G.M.—To square our actions by the square of VIRTUE, and prove our work.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the Foundation Stone which needs to be proved, and make report.

The R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master applied the Square to the stone, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master addressing the Grand Senior Warden, said: Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, what is the jewel of your office?

G.S.W.— The Level.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

G.S.W.—Morally to remind us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the Foundation Stone and make report.

The R.·.W.·. Grand Senior Warden applied the Level, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then addressing the Acting Grand Junior Warden, said: Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the jewel of your office?

J.G.W.—The Plumb.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

J.G.W.—Morally it teaches RECTITUDE of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the Foundation Stone, and make report.

The R.·.W.·. Grand Junior Warden applied the Plumb, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone is plumb, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G.M.—This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have

skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master came forward with the vessel of corn which he scattered on the stone, saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

All the brethen responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men ; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved ; provide for and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor ; and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then delivered the following invocation, all the brethren remaining uncovered :

May the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this undertaking : protect the workmen from accident ; long preserve the structure from decay and ruin ; and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.

The brethren responded—" So mote it be."

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master advancing struck the stone three times with the gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then delivered over to the architect the implements of architecture, saying :

Worthy Bro. having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master then ascended the platform and addressed the officers of Grand Lodge and the brethren and those assembled, as follows :

Men, women and children here assembled,—be it known unto you all that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practise universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have among us secrets faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We have assembled here this day, in accordance with our immemorial customs, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that he may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the people of this place.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D. D., then delivered an eloquent and instructive address to the brethren and others assembled.

The procession was then re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge Room.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* at 4: 25 o'clock, p.m.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Masonic Temple at the City of Winnipeg, on the afternoon of Thursday, March 18th, A.D. 1897, A.L. 5897, at 11 o'clock.

PRESENT:

M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Corbet Locke (13)	Grand Master.
R.·.	"	"	John Leslie (1)	Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.	"	"	Thomas Robinson (10)	as Grand Senior Warden.
M.·.	"	"	William George Bell (3)	as Grand Junior Warden.
R.·.	"	"	George William Baker (10)	D.D.G.M. District No. 1.
"	"	"	John Walter Harris (4)	as Grand Treasurer.
"	"	"	William George Scott (1)	Grand Secretary.
"	"	"	John Chambers (3)	as Grand Registrar.
M.·.	"	"	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10)	as Grand Chaplain.
V.·.	"	"	James Alexander Carley (25)	as Grand Senior Deacon.
	"	"	Charles Henry Enderton (3)	as Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·.	"	"	John J. Jackson (1)	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
"	"	"	William Edward Hazley (3)	Grand Organist.
"	"	"	John Myles O'Loughlin (10)	Grand Steward.
"	"	"	John Obed Smith (1)	Grand Steward.
"	"	"	Herman Joseph Eberts (10)	Grand Steward.
"	"	"	Thomas William Taylor (4)	as Grand Steward.
	"	"	Henry Fry (25)	as Grand Steward.
	"	"	Norman Brownell (25)	as Grand Steward.
	"	"	Duncan Windell McDermid (1)	as Grand Steward.
	"	"	Christopher Graburn (10)	as Grand Steward.
	"	"	James Spiers Greig (14)	as Grand Pursuivant.
		"	John McBride (1)	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....Past Grand Master.
" " " William George Bell (3) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " Charles Napier Bell (1) ..... Past Grand Master.
R.·. " " John Walter Harris (4).....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " William George Scott (1) ...Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Alexander James Belch (4)...Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " George Frederick Carruthers (1) .... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William John Ptolemy (4) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Albert Harrison Van Etten (3).... .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James George Dagg (2)..... ....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Thompson Black (4). .... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Chambers (3) .....Past Grand Registrar.
" Rev. Charles Bruce Pitblado (4)...Past Grand Chaplain.

and members of Prince Rupert Lodge No. 1, Lisgar Lodge No. 2, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, St. John's Lodge No. 4, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Ionic Lodge No. 25 and Moosomin Lodge No. 35.

Grand Lodge Opened.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master, who informed the brethren that they had been called together for the purpose of performing the sad and solemn duty of attending the funeral of our late M.·.W.·. Bro. John Headley Bell, Past Grand Master, and thus paying their last tribute of respect to his memory.

The remains of the deceased brother had previouly been removed to the Masonic Temple where the solemn and impressive Masonic burial service was conducted by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson, M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara and Bro. Rev. C. B. Pitblado.

At the conclusion of the service the Grand Lodge was formed in procession and proceeded to Kildonan Cemetery where the remains of our deceased Past Grand Master were consigned to the grave.

At the close of the ceremonies at the cemetery the Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Temple when the Grand Master made a few appropriate remarks to the brethren assembled.

Resolution.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1) seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John W. Harris (4) and

Resolved: That the Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee to prepare and forward suitable resolutions of condolence to the family of the late M.·. W.·. Bro. John Headley Bell.

Subsequently the Grand Master notified the Grand Secretary that he had appointed M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson and M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara a Committee in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

Grand Lodge Closed.

The proceedings being ended the Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form* by M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Twenty-second Annual Communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, June 9th, A.D. 1897, A.L. 5897, at 8.45 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13).....Grand Master.
R.·. " " John Leslie (1).....Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Robinson (10).....as Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Thomas Frederick English (60)..Grand Junior Warden.
" " " George William Baker (10).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " Donald MacLean (49).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " John Sutherland McKay (36).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " John Killops Patton (14).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " Ainslie Lunham Young (27).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " Hamilton Lang (26).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " Charles William Sutter (53).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " John McKechnie (1).....Grand Treasurer.
" " " William George Scott (1).....Grand Secretary.
" " " Coulson Nicholas Mitchell (4).....Grand Registrar.
" " " Rev. William John Garton (6).....as Grand Chaplain.
V.·. " " William Crawford (31).....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Logan Murray More (19)..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Robert Rennie (2).....as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.·. " " William Edward Hazley (3).....Grand Organist.
" " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10)..... Grand Steward.
" " " Henry Robert Whitworth (8).....Grand Steward.

V.·. W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith (1) .....Grand Steward.
" " " Robert Hill Myers (14) .....Grand Steward.
" " Leslie Remey (7)..... .....as Grand Steward.
" " Alexander Lowe (24) .....as Grand Steward.
" " George Waldy (27) ....as Grand Steward.
" " William Alexander Burton (26).....as Grand Steward.
R.·. " " John Chambers (3)..... .....as Grand Pursuivant.
" John McBride (1)'.....Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel P. Matheson (10) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....Past Grand Master.
" " " James Alexander Ovas (15) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " William George Bell (3)..... Past Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Tweed (31) ....Past Grand Master.
" " " Charles Napier Bell (1) .....Past Grand Master.
R.·. " " John Walter Harris (4).....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " William George Scott (1).. .Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Robinson (10) .. ...Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Simon Duffin .....Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Richard Dennis Foley (30) ..Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35) Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " James Leslie (14) .....Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Alexander James Belch (4)...Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " George B. Murphy (35).....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Albert Harrison Van Etten (3).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40) ....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John McGuirl (35)..... .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Thompson Black (4)... .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Colwell (19) ....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Duncan Baine (36) ....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William James Cooper (7)..... .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Johnson White (25).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Byron Marcus Canniff (7) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Spiers Greig (14) .....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " James Andrew Payne (4).....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " John Chambers (3) .....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " Rev. Arthur William Goulding (12) Past Grand Chaplain.
" " " Rev. William John Garton (6).....Past Grand Chaplain.

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges:

Alabama	R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	James Leslie.
Arizona	"	"	"	James Andrew Payne.
Canada	M.·.	"	"	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Delaware	R.·.	"	"	Andrew James Belch.
England	"	"	"	Thomas Robinson.
Florida	"	"	"	James Duncan Baine.
Illinois	"	"	"	John Leslie.
Ireland	"	"	"	William George Scott.
Kansas	M.·.	"	"	James Alexander Ovas.
Louisiana	R.·.	"	"	James Johnson White.
Michigan	R.·.	"	"	John McKechnie.
Mississippi	M.·.	"	"	William George Bell.
Nebraska	R.·.	"	"	Richard Dennis Foley.
Nevada	M.·.	"	"	Corbet Locke.
New York	R.·.	"	"	John Walter Harris.
New Zealand	M.·.	"	"	Thomas Tweed.
Nova Scotia	"	"	"	James Dallas O'Meara.
Ohio	R.·.	"	"	Willard Cooke Copeland.
Peru	M.·.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell.
Quebec	R.·.	"	"	James Thompson Black.
Victoria	"	"	"	Francis Gladstone Lewin.
Wisconsin	"	"	"	Thomas Robinson.

And the Following Past Masters:

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William George Scott (1)
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)
	"	"	Joseph Greenfield (1)
R.·.	"	"	John Leslie (1)
V.·.	"	"	John Obed Smith (1)
	"	"	John Cameron Saul (1)
M.·.	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)
V.·.	"	"	Robert Moncrieff (2)
	"	"	Lynds Smith Vaughan (2)
R.·.	"	"	Simon Duffin (3)
M.·.	"	"	William George Bell (3)
	"	"	Joseph Cornell (3)
R.·.	"	"	John Chambers (3)
	"	"	Edgar William Rugg (3)
V.·.	"	"	William Edward Hazley (3)
R.·.	"	"	Albert Harrison Van Etten (3)

W.·. Bro. John Fadden Campbell (3)
V.·. " " John Thomas Colton (3)
" " George Francis Bryan (3)
" " Andrew Schmidt (3)
R.·. " " John Walter Harris (4)
" " " Alexander James Belch (4)
" " " James Andrew Payne (4)
V.·. " " Thomas William Taylor (4)
R.·. " " James Thompson Black (4)
" " William Braden (4)
" " Samuel Gibson Getty Thompson (4)
R.·. " " Coulson Nicholas Mitchell (4)
" " " Rev. William John Garton (6)
" " " Byron Marcus Canniff (7)
" " " William James Cooper (7)
V.· " " Henry Robert Whitworth (8)
R.·. " " Thomas Robinson (10)
V.·. " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10)
R.·. " " George William Baker (10)
M.·. " " Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson (10)
" " John Robert Grant (10)
R.·. " " Rev. Arthur William Goulding (12)
M.·. " " Corbet Locke (13)
R.·. " " James Leslie (14)
" " " James Spiers Grieg (14)
" " " John Killops Patton (14)
M.·. " " James Alexander Ovas (15)
R.·. " " William Arthur Lang (19)
" " " John Colwell (19)
" " " James Johnson White (25)
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25)
" " Lendrum McMeans (25)
" " Norman Brownell (25)
R.·. " " Hamilton Lang (26)
" " " Ainslie Lunham Young (27)
" " George Waldy (27)
" " James Dickson (29)
" " William Dickie (29)

R.·. W.·. Bro. Richard Dennis Foley (30)
M.·. " " Thomas Tweed (31)
V.·. " " William Crawford (31)
" " Nelson Robert Wessel (31)
" " Harry H. Campkin (33)
R.·. " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)
" " " John McGuirl (35)
" " " George B. Murphy (35)
" " " James Duncan Baine (36)
" " " John Sutherland McKay (36)
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40)
" " Charles Alexander Young (40)
V.·. " " John David Higinbotham (41)
" " " Herbert Hanks Goulter (43)
" " " Henry James Pugh (43)
R.·. " " Donald McLean (49)
" " George Albert Coulter (52)
" " " Charles William Sutter (53)
" " " Thomas Frederick English (60)
" " Rev. Horace David Cooper (63)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton (6), Acting Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas (15) seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1), the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas (15), the minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-first Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on the 10th and 11th days

of June, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, copies of which were printed and forwarded to the subordinate lodges, and the minutes of the Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, held at the Town of Grenfell, District of Assiniboia, on the 14th day of September, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896; at the Town of Selkirk, Province of Manitoba, on the 17th day of September, A.D. 1896, A.L. 5896, and at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on the 18th day of March, A.D. 1897, A.L. 5897, and entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, were taken as read and each therein confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bro. Corbet Locke, then read his annual address as follows :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba :

Once more we meet in this beautiful Temple as representatives of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, some of us to give an account of our doings as active representatives of Grand Lodge, others to show, and I trust to show frankly, wherein we have erred in our administration, and with charity and with a single eye to the general good, point us the way we should have gone, and perhaps outline courses which in the future may be pursued with advantage; all of us I hope to consider and devise means whereby we can the better develop and the more fully carry out all that is good in the tenets of the Order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry so dear to many of us—dare I not say to all of us.

May God be with us, drive from us all selfish and self-seeking aspirations, make us to recognize that we are here but as trustees, that we are sent here by our brethren as their representatives, and that our duty is to strive not for the individual but for the mass, not for ourselves but for our brothers, and that our efforts should be to bring about whatever most may tend to the glory of God, the advancement of the Craft, and the good of humanity; these three the very objects of our being and in the struggle for which Freemasonry should and does add so much to our zeal and to our ability.

In addition to giving an account of my official acts, I am venturing to bring before you some few matters which I conceive to be of general interest and worthy of consideration by this august body.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES.

I have not had the pleasure of constituting any lodges myself during my term of office but I am glad to be able to inform you that Russell Lodge, Holland Lodge and Composite Lodge, hitherto working under dispensation and to whom this Grand Lodge at its last Communication saw fit to issue charters, were duly constituted each by the District Deputy Grand Master of the district wherein situated.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I granted Dispensations for the holding of Lodges U. D. at the following places, viz.: –

Eureka Lodge at Lacombe, Alberta,

Acacia Lodge at South Edmonton, Alberta,

upon the work of which, doubtless, the proper committee will report when such action as should be taken will be recommended and no doubt be carried out by Grand Lodge.

GENERAL DISPENSATIONS.

The Grand Secretary's report, as heretofore, will include details of the several dispensations granted by me, which are twenty-four in number.

Many of these dispensations are, as occurred during the term of my immediate predecessor, for the purpose of attending Divine service in regalia. I entirely agree with the remarks made by him in his then address, and I had supposed that the amendment introduced at the last Communication permitting the wearing of regalia on such occasions without dispensation had been carried until I was otherwise informed by the Grand Secretary. I find that many others outside of the City Lodges were also of this belief. No notice having been given for this Communication I suppose nothing can be done in this direction now, but I trust there may be at our next annual meeting as in my opinion this periodical attendance of the Lodges at divine service should be in every way facilitated and encouraged.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Directed by Grand Lodge I referred the matter of the administration of the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to a committee who will, doubtless, report the result of their enquiry with any recommendations they may think well to make tending towards the greater efficiency of the now and for many years past most efficient administration of these offices by their present incumbents. Officially I have not had occasion to come in contact with the Grand Treasurer but I would wish to take this opportunity of expressing to the Grand Secretary my appreciation and thanks for his always willing and capable assistance in carrying out the duties of my office; his extended experience and executive ability have been to me, as to many of my predecessors, of inestimable advantage.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

The only communications I have received from foreign jurisdictions which I think necessary to refer to are one from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin as to Masonic Relief, and another from Nathan, Grand Master of Italian Masonry, as to Anti-masonic Congress recently held at Trento. Both of these communications were referred by me to the proper committees who will no doubt refer to them and inform you in their report of any action taken thereupon.

DECISIONS.

I have been asked for few decisions, which would indicate not only that our laws as laid down in the Constitution are comprehensive and intelligible, but that the officers in the different lodges in this jurisdiction are men of intelligence and capable of administering well the trust reposed in them.

I think it only necessary to refer to three of them. The first two are much alike:

(*a*) Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 asks if a man paralyzed in the right hand, having full use of his arm but his hand being useless, is eligible to membership?

(*b*) Lebanon Lodge No. 43 asks a similar question, as to a man who has lost the thumb from his right hand.

To both of these I replied in effect that a man to be eligible to the degrees must be able to conform to all the ceremonies and practices of Masonry with his own natural person and that it appeared to me that the proposed candidates could not do this.

(2) The District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10 asks, where a brother seeks admission to a lodge room, and a brother within, on his name being announced, objects, the former not objecting to sit with him, what course should be pursued? I agreed with the view of the D.D. Grand Master that in such a case if the brother objecting was not an officer of the lodge and his absence would not interfere with the work, that the objector should retire and the brother be admitted; otherwise, if the presence of the objector was necessary to the working of the Lodge.

I may say here too that in one of the Lodges of Instruction the question of vouching, by a brother in the Lodge, for a visitor without

the door of the lodge room was raised, and I directed that no brother should assume to vouch for a visitor without first having actually seen him, the reason for which will be obvious to all of you.

REGALIA.

My immediate predecessor in the Grand East in his address at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge stated that he had granted five dispensations "to wear regalia at lectures and at social gatherings "in lodge rooms where dancing was not carried on" and in reference to this stated that his predecessor had refused dispensations "to appear "in regalia at balls or dancing parties" and that he had pursued the same course but asked for a finding of Grand Lodge policy as to this, as a firm rest from which his successor might rule. No finding was made by Grand Lodge and I would venture to repeat Most Worshipful Brother Bell's request, and ask that this question be dealt with at this Communication. I was then, and still am, unable to see why if regalia is properly worn at a lecture it may not be properly worn at a dancing party, but am of the opinion which I express with the greatest deference to those who have in the past thought and ruled otherwise, that it should not be worn at either, that regalia is for use when at work as Masons performing a masonic function, and then only.

I appear to have wavered from this position in one instance but under peculiar circumstances and yielded rather in deference to past rulings than to my own judgment.

It would be, I am sure, a great relief to my successor to have a clear finding by Grand Lodge as to when regalia may be worn and I strongly press upon you the desirability of disposing of this question now, once for all.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

It goes without saying that I have not visited all the Lodges in the jurisdiction. I have however visited many of them and met representatives of many others at the Lodges of Instruction which I have elsewhere referred to, and altogether have come in contact with representatives of very nearly if not quite one-half of the number on the register. I regret that I was not able better to execute this portion of my official duty, if it is such. I ventured to say to some of the Lodges that it doubtless was thought, when the Jurisdiction was divided into many districts and a District Deputy Grand Master appointed for each, that this, it was hoped, would obviate to a considerable extent at least the need of the Grand Master becoming peripatetic, and no doubt it

has. I cannot but feel that it is an advantage to a Lodge to have a visit from the first officer of the Grand Lodge in addition to that of the Distrfct Deputy Grand Master. The efforts of even the most feeble of us to trim the sometimes glimmering light of masonry, the effort to make it shine more brightly, and with greater intellectual penetration, the discussion and elucidation of the symbols and allegories; all these do much to uplift the brethren and raise the tone of Freemasonry and widen and deepen its effects on our lives, and indeed I think that the example of a personal visitation of each Lodge by the Grand Masters set us by some of the more distinguished Grand Masters of the east may well be emulated by those of this Grand jurisdiction. It is however almost a physical impossibility for one of us here, by reason of the enormous distances to be travelled and the fact of none of us being gentlemen of leisure, to visit all parts of the jurisdiction in one year, and if all are to be visited I fear it can only be once in two years, each Grand Master visiting the Lodges not visited by his predecessor.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to those of my brethren whom I had the pleasure of meeting on my official visits my keen appreciation of their kindness and hospitality, and to assure them that if my visit was of any faint advantage to them that to me it was an intense pleasure and many of those days will forever be red letter days in my masonic existence.

Before leaving this subject I would like to refer to a most pleasant incident of my visit to the Winnipeg Lodges which was the presentation to R.·. W.·. Brother Thomas Robinson of the Commission from the United Grand Lodge of England as its representative. The approval of the recommendation by M.·. W.·. Brother C. N. Bell of Brother Robinson to the Grand Lodge of England was well shown by the thunderous applause with which the presentation was greeted, all persons appearing to feel as I did that the mother Grand Lodge could not have entrusted its interests to one more capable of discharging the trust with dignity and capability.

THE DEAD.

Once only during this year has the Grand Lodge, as such, been called upon to discharge its last sad duty to a departed Grand Lodge officer. I refer to the death and burial of our late brother John Headley Bell, one of our earliest Grand Masters. Most Worshipful Brother Bell enjoyed the distinction of being governor of the Craft for a longer term than that of any other who has held that distinguished office, having been Grand Master for five years. This in itself is a

monument to his worth for had it not been for his eminent fitness and conscientious discharge of his duties he surely would not have, as he did time and again, received at the hands of the craft the greatest honors it was in their power to confer upon him.

Those were the days of the infancy of Masonry in Manitoba, and had it not been for the broad and deep lines then well laid by him the superstructure now erected would not have stood upon such a firm foundation.

I have also received official notices of the death of other distinguished brethren in other jurisdictions. Of them we can only judge by the record we have of them in the official notice of their demise. All were distinguished in their several fields of masonic work.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick Kramer, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died 8th September, 1896.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Owen A. Bassett, Past Grand Master of Masons, Kansas, died 19th July, 1896.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Benjamin Wilson Higgs, Past Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, died 16th August, 1896.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Norton Dolph, Past Grand Master of Masons, Oregon, died 10th March, 1897.

M.·. W.·. Bro. John Stedman, Past Grand Master of Masons, Montana, died 28th March, 1897.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Andrew Martin Wolihin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died 22nd January, 1897.

I recommended that memorial pages of these distinguished brethren be inserted in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Before leaving this subject may I say to you that I have many times in my life been struck, not only as touching the obsequies of distinguished Masons, but of others great and small in public life, when listening to or reading of the magnificent funeral orations, the flights of fancy and eloquent depicturing of the life and doings of the deceased, words often, dare I say it, empty words of adulation showered upon the poor clay, for what? to please the living? to glorify the orator? Certainly of no benefit to the dead; how better far would it be if while breath was in that body, while he was moving around and among us as a living reality, we had then said to him those kind words now so lavishly outpoured on his insensate clay, and done for him those kind acts which the possessor of such a character so richly merited.

It is while our brother is with us that he needs our kind words and our kind acts; it is when he is fighting perhaps unequal foes that he needs our support and counsel, and our aid; they are of no avail to him lying dead; it is our living brothers to whom our debt is due, and if we must, as doubtless we should, comfort and sympathize with the mourners, don't let us make this an easy excuse for neglect of our duty to him who is mourned for; words are much, acts are more. Duty is ever present with us; do justly by the living, the dead must care for themselves, we can do nought for them, while he is with us help to bear him up over and beyond the rough places that it is the lot of all of us to travel, and over which because of our selfishness, because of our indifference, because of our neglect or forgetfulness of our vows, of our promises, so many of those of our own household are left to struggle alone and go under, overwhelmed in the rough sea of the daily struggle for existence.

INDIA FAMINE.

In the early part of this year I issued a circular to the Lodges throughout this jurisdiction appealing to them for aid for the starving many in India. You will be glad to know that notwithstanding that this appeal came late in the day and after many of the craft had been called upon to contribute to other funds for the same purpose, yet the handsome sum of $780.00 (of which $665.45 passed through the hands of the Grand Treasurer) was received and forwarded to add to the magnificent contributions made by all parts of Canada to help our suffering fellow subjects.

Patriotism (and none should be more patriotic than a Freemason) as well as humanity impelled many of us to give our mite, and while relieving the immediate suffering of those in need sought to instill in those in the east a sense of the unity of the Empire and that the Queen's subjects wherever found may always rely upon being recognized as such by their fellow subjects round the world, and that it is not only when the blare of trumpets calls to arms but when the wailing woman and the starving child call for sustenance and support that the Queen's subjects will lend a willing ear and give of their substance to aid them in their sore distress.

THE QUEEN.

Within a few days of this meeting Her Majesty the Queen joined by her loving subjects throughout the Empire, joined too doubtless by representatives of many of the great powers of the world, will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the throne.

The glories of her reign, the nobility of her life, are beyond telling by me. These will be proclaimed throughout the earth in many tongues, among all people. The Victorian age has been the most glorious ever recorded in the annals of history. How much of the greatness of the Empire is due to her who has been called the most "queenly Queen and womanly woman the world has ever known." We cannot tell, but this we do know, that the Queen has ever been for the liberties of her people, for the spread of commerce, for integrity and uprightness, for the peace of the world, in short for the advancement of all that is best and most would add to the happiness of all coming under her queenly sway, and above all, by all means and at all times, by her life as a woman and her rule as Queen, striven for purity of life in court as well as in cottage.

Feeling sure that Grand Lodge would wish to avail itself of the opportunity now presented of sending to Her Gracious Majesty, perhaps by way of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, our loving congratulations on this glorious epoch, and to assure her of the unbounded loyalty and devotion borne to her by the Freemasons of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and in view of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee following so nearly after this meeting I took upon myself to ask the Board of General Purposes to have such an address prepared and they approving of my suggestion have carried it out and the same has been forwarded and I would now ask you to approve the action of the Board and confirm what has been done.

Right Worshipful Brother the Rev. D. C. Moore addressing our brethren of Nova Scotia ten years ago on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee spoke as follows:—"A good monarch in no way promotes "religion and virtue more effectually than by good example. Those "who resist all other motives will have regard to the Royal example— "it becomes a sort of living law to the nation. Happy are the people "who can look up to the throne, as we can, for a pattern of goodness, "and find the first in rank to be the first in virtue. We thank God "that the slanders which have been hurled against Masons as disloyal "and atheistic are thrown back upon the slanderers by the patronage "of our great, glorious and most virtuous Queen and Empress, and by "the humble, reverent and heartfelt thanks we now offer for fifty "years of righteous rule, to the Great King of Kings and Lord of "Lords. We are here to-day most gladly to give thanks according to "the rule of our text, not indeed for our "King" but for one bearing "the gentler title of "Queen." For the Queen and the Empress not

"merely of Britain and Britain's dependencies, but Queen of our affec-
"tions and Empress of our hearts. May God spare her to us long, and
"when she leaves the throne she now adorns may she receive a throne
"resplendent with perfect brightness from the face of the great King
"of Kings and Lord of Lords, JEHOVAH!"

MASONIC HOME.

You may perhaps have noticed on the summons calling this meeting a "Notice of Motion" to amend Clause 122 of the Constitution by substituting the words "seventy-five" for "fifty" in the last line of the Clause, which would mean that the per capita tax be raised to seventy-five cents per annum instead of fifty as it now is.

This notice of motion was given at my instance and for the purpose of at once putting on foot, if the members of the Grand Lodge thought well of it, a fund for the building and maintaining of a Masonic Home, or something of that like. At the risk of being thought treasonable I will say that I have been disappointed in the past to find so little of the income of Grand Lodge expended in a manner that would be a lasting good to the Craft. I have been disappointed because I have not in the past heard conceived, or seen determined upon, any great work for the good of otherssuch as Masons in all times past have delighted to participate in.

I find that during the past year the Grand Lodge of England, that mother of all Grand Lodges, the seat of modern Masonry and source of so much that is good, expended last year towards general relief $56,860 and the sum of $231,400 was expended in support of the Boys' and Girls' Home and the Home for aged Masons and the widows of aged Masons, and even this excludes all receipts for such purposes by the 46 Provincial Grand Lodges in England, and of the 29 District Grand Lodges in the Colonies. I find that the Grand Lodge of Canada has expended since its creation in aiding widows of members, and other acts of benevolence $244,169.00. I also find in looking through the Grand Lodge Proceedings of the United States, accounts of the building and maintaining of many Masonic Homes and other great works of charity, all of which should spur us on to emulate their example and do our part so far as we can in this great work of relieving the distressed.

This Grand Lodge is young, albeit it has well passed its majority; the country is young; the people are young; many of us struggling to get a foothold, making homes for ourselves. Manitoba abounds with a vigorous, thrify and successful youth, and the day is not yet here

when it is demanded of us that we make provision for the aged, but the day will surely come when many of our brethren will have sunk into the sere and yellow leaf of old age, and in cases find themselves in the evening of their days reduced pehaps to penury and homelessness, and I think it is not too early in our history to think of this and prepare ourselves when that time does come to hold out to our brothers the loving hand of brotherhood and bring them to the warm fireside and the daily table of a Masonic Home.

If the motion of which notice is given carries, a beginning will be made and the nucleus of a fund will be made that will justify us some years hence in taking in hand such an undertaking. Indeed, I think we might do more than this. We hear on all sides every possible suggestion being made for worthily celebrating the Queen's great anniversary and perpetuating her name. Many of you know that the Queen is patron of the three great masonic institutions in England Let us here in the far West perpetuate her glorious name by determining to build and maintain The Victoria Masonic Home, and although our circumstances will not permit us to immediately put the work in hand yet a resolve may be arrived at and a beginning made, the fruition of which I trust will be no inglorious monument to our Queen and Empress.

FEDERATION.

I have referred to the United Grand Lodge of England ; it may not be known to all of you that there are 46 Provincial Grand Lodges also in England all subordinate to the United Grand Lodge. This is an age of federation. We read of federations of colonies, states, colleges, and churches. We have in Canada seven provinces, each with a Supreme Grand Lodge,—why should we not have a federation of the Grand Lodges of the Provinces under the title of the United Grand Lodge of Canada? In suggesting this I must acknowledge that my ideas of the utility and practicability of it are somewhat immature, and that there may be many more difficulties in arranging for such a federation, and successfully carrying it out, than I now foresee. Yet it appears to me there would be many advantages to the Craft in Canada from the getting together in one grand central body the most learned, and in executive ability, the most capable of the Freemasons of Canada to legislate for the Craft throughout the Dominion.

I shall not enlarge further on this question but leave it with you for your consideration in the hope that you may think it of sufficient importance to appoint a committee to consider it, and empower them if

they think it judicious to correspond with the other Grand Lodges with a view to the consummation of what I venture to think would be a strengthening of the power for good that we now possess.

THE FREEMASONS HOSPITAL.

I doubt not that I will be expected to refer to the Hospital, and I gladly embrace this opportunity of letting you know something of what has been done, of what property has been acquired, and of the position of the hospital financially. I am also glad to refer to the work in the hope that the veritus of what has been done in this sparsely populated jurisdiction to furnish means of relief to the sick, may be a spur to other jurisdictions to do something of the same so exactly, in my view, in accord with the tenets of our order.

The building of the hospital was approved of by Grand Lodge during the session of 1891, the understanding being that it should be an individual undertaking, not in any sense a Grand Lodge work; that the promoters should also be responsible for it, and that no liability of any kind should rest upon the Grand Lodge. As you know it was determined that the funds for the building should be got entirely from Freemasons, and this was rigidly adhered to, and not one dollar went into the building not furnished by the Craft save the mortgage monies and they are being liquidated from the same source.

Two of the members of Belmont Lodge visited some thirty-eight towns in this jurisdiction and solicited subscriptions from the brethren, and by this means and through appeals to the lodges and contributions to some extent from Masons outside of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, upwards of $8000.00 was obtained. A plot of land, three acres in extent, was purchased and a brick building providing accommodation for twenty-three patients was erected at a first cost of $10,483.00. There was some subsequent expenditure on the building, and an additional acre of land bought, till to-day we have a property vested in the corporation covering upwards of $11,000, subject however at the opening of the hospital to an encumbrance of $2500.00 now reduced to $1851.75.

The hospital is well provided throughout at a cost, including a first expenditure of $846.00 since increased to upwards of $1000. For surgical instruments of at least $3000.00. A total property worth $14,000 with a mortgage debt of $1851.75 and a small floating indebtedness well within the control of the directorate. When the work was taken

in hand many expressed the fear that though the erection of the building might be accomplished that it could not be maintained, and that the maintenance of it would be a constant drag on the Craft—such however has not been the event.

Taking the year just passed, I may say that at the monthly meeting held on the Thirty-first day of December, the statement furnished showed cash in hand to meet all current liabilities on maintenance account for the year except something under $200.00, and to meet this there was payable to the hospital, by patients, an amount very considerably in excess of the shortage.

The total number of days of treatment in 1896 was 3,679, an increase of 457 days over the previous year; the average stay of patients was 13.5 days, the death rate a fraction under three per cent, and the cost per day of treatment $1.23½. There were eighty-eight surgical operations during the year.

The hospital is a general one to which Freemasons, as such, have no special privileges and the work stands to-day a monument to the truth of that declaration made by all of us that we were "prompted to "solicit those privileges by a sincere desire to become more serviceable "to mankind," a distinct effort by the Craft of this jurisdiction to do good to men irrespective of creed, color, or clime.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

There is provision in the Constitution for the holding of Lodges of Instruction, but I found on making enquiry that this provision had heretofore been a dead letter, and feeling satisfied that good would come in many ways from the holding of such lodges I, in the early year, communicated with each District Deputy Grand Master in this jurisdiction asking his views, each for his own district, as to the practicability and utility of such being held. I received in due course answers from all and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that it would be greatly in the interests of the Craft that such should be held, though some feared that in consequence of the distances and difficulties of travelling a lodge could not be successfully held in that particular district. However, Lodges of Instruction were held in the following districts, viz.:—numbers one, two, three, four, five and ten. I had the pleasure of being present at three of these, each of which was one of the happiest and most instructive concourse of Masons I had ever participated in, and I found my anticipations more than realized. I am satisfied that a fillip was given to masonry at these meetings that will be felt for a long time to come.

The advantages of such meetings are many. It tends to uniformity of work in the district, it affords the students of masonry, whether in the district or elsewhere, who may be induced to be present, an opportunity of disseminating among the brethren the result of their reading and research—much that otherwise would be left under the veil is exposed to view, and many of the kernels of Masonry are then for the first time partaken of by the brethren. More than this, it brings the brethren of the same district and locality together socially; it tends to weld the band that binds us, and as a diversion from the stern realities of business life is, I am sure, much appreciated. A Lodge of Instruction in almost every district might, I think, well become an annual affair, in which case I doubt not it would be looked forward to eagerly, as not only a time of special instruction but as a social reunion of the craft in each of the ten districts.

I trust that my successor may think it well that this constitutional departure, if I may so term it, be perpetuated.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

During the past year I have received through the courtesy of the Gand Secretary a great many of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, almost without an exception containing a voluminous report under the heading "Foreign Correspondence."

These all emanated from Grand Lodges of the United States and display in most of them much masonic learning and research, and are most delightful and instructive reading. It must be that these reports entail a vast amount of labor, and the work necessarily is entrusted to some of the most capable men of the jurisdiction. Our committee hitherto has not attempted anything of the kind, but I am satisfied that great good would come to the brethren of this jurisdiction if something in the nature of the report referred to could be embodied in our Annual Proceedings; and in saying this I am aware that I am suggesting the imposition upon some of us of a serious undertaking, but we have ,without doubt, in our midst members well capable of the work, and I hope the Grand Lodge will consider the practicability of arranging for such a report to be compiled and included in our Annual Proceedings, and that a half dozen copies be furnished to every Lodge in this jurisdiction. We want more reading masons—to have this we must advance something to induce them to read—something to give them an appetite for research—and I know of no better means than by letting them see what is being done; what is being found out and discussed by the Craft throughout the world.

It perhaps is unusual to include in such an address as this the very words of a Grand Master of another jurisdiction, but I see no reason why, when in the course of one's reading something is found expressing ideas that one is in accord with put in forcible words, why in such a case they should not be repeated "ipsissima verba" and in that view I make the following extract from the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for the year 1895, not necessarily implying that all he says as to the relations of members each to the other is applicable to all the brethren, but doubtless both as to lodges and to brethren much that is said is applicable here as well as there, and the repetition may be of service to all of us—to some of us make us consider and mend our ways. His words are as follows:—"The ballot box is not guarded now with the same jealous "care that it was in the days of our fathers. We are entirely too "anxious to increase our membership, and are not careful enough as "to the kind of material that is taken from the quarries, and as a "legitimate result great numbers of men are finding their way into "our lodges who have no sympathy with the objects, teachings and "principles of masonry, are being made Masons in name only, at once "become drones in the masonic hive, and by their conduct and utter "disregard of the interests of our order bring disgrace and reproach "upon the Craft.

"There was a time in the history of Masonry when a Mason's "word was by his brother Mason accepted with unquestioning faith. "There was also a time when Masons never spoke evil of a brother "Mason, but upheld him in his fallen fortunes, gave him good counsel, "and failed not to warn him of approaching danger. But alas! that "time has passed, that custom is no longer the rule, but is fast becom-"ing the exception, and the ties that once bound us together as a band of "brothers, 'among whom no contention should ever exist, save that "noble contention, or rather emulation, who can best serve and best "agree,' have become so weakened by constant infraction as to "amount to but little more than a fading shadow of a departed sub-"stance until we are fast losing all faith in the promises, protestations "and vows of our fellowmen.

"Brethren, these things ought not so to be. We must arouse from "our apathy, guard well our outer doors, and return to the Ancient "Landmarks with full purpose of heart, or failing in this the disastrous "consequences are not only apparent, but appallingly imminent. "Ichabod" will be inscribed upon our altars and Freemasonry will "become but as "a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

These remarks are perhaps tinged with something of the bitterness of disappointment, and the circumstances which appeared to justify the Grand Master in making them may have been more aggravated than are generally found throughout this jurisdiction, yet I know, I feel as I have said when occasion offered many times during past years, that too little care is taken as to the class of material taken into our lodges. We are too often bound to men who should not be of us, and for the sake of a full treasury, or the desire for a long list of members, too often the black ball is withheld, and members made who have no sympathy with us or we with them.

On the other hand having become of us we assume serious responsibilities to them and for their sakes, for our own sakes, and for the sake of Freemasonry, because they are masons, and because as it has been said "it is in the lump and detail of our lives that those outside form their opinions of our order," by our actions they formulate their judgment of Masonry. It is for all these reasons where we find men members of our Lodges not living the lives that they should that we may not pass them by and let them sink lower, but do all in our power by timely counsel and kindly acts to raise them and make them feel more what they owe to themselves, to us, and to Freemasonry; all of which is well put by R.·. W.·. Bro. Logan, Grand Chaplain of British Columbia, in the following words:—"Now these brethren should be "looked after, should be a special care; to reclaim the erring is a part "of our mission; to be ever ready to stretch forth the hand to save a "falling brother is a duty, and to whisper good counsel in the ear of "the straying; to remind him of his errors and aid his reformation is "one of the charges laid upon each of us—it may not be easy but the "burden of it is laid at our door—the inclination in us may be strong "to let the brother go." We may feel like chiding him for his misde- "meanor, and spurning him for his disgrace, but better thoughts "should prevail. The true spirit of masonry will lead us while we "hate the wrong to try and reclaim the wrongdoer; with a proper "sense of our own failings and shortcomings we will not be too hard "on those of others, but in the spirit of the Master "do to others as "we would that they should do to us."

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The Grand Lodges, at least of all English-speaking people, insisting that none can be a Freemason who does not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being have for many years ceased to acknowledge the Grand Orient of France because that Grand Body elided from its

Constitution the necessity for such a belief by its members. I have read and heard many times of this repudiation but am not aware of any effort having been made by those Grand Lodges of the world who are in disagreement with the Grand Orient to induce them to reconsider this, in our opinion, fatal defect in their Constitution, by re-embodying it in the Constitution and thus be enabled to resume fraternal relations with those whom their atheistic doctrines have severed them from.

I can quite understand that remarks may be made by many of you in my hearing of the absurdity and perhaps impudence of one Grand Lodge assuming to advise another of what like its constitution should be, and I quite acknowledge that such a course is unusual, and it may be that it would be resented by the Grand Orient, and our commissioners might be told politely that it was none of our affair. Notwithstanding which, feeling strongly as I do, that where we see a large body of men commonly known as Masons, who are no doubt our Masonic kin, but with whom we may not have intercourse, yet to whom by any means we may have access, and with some hope of being listened to, when I say we find such a body pursuing a course which we believe to be so appallingly wrong as we think the course of the Grand Orient in this particular to be, that it is our obvious duty, while fully recognizing the complete sovereignty of that Grand Body, to at least strive for an opportunity to show them wherein we think they err and endeavor to bring about a remedy.

Brethren, if we can be instrumental in bringing it about, that the Grand Orient of France, which body doubtless embraces some of the greatest minds, some of the most forcible and intellectual of the men of that great nation, once again, and let us hope forever to acknowledge not only the brotherhood of man but the Fatherhood of God—once more to bring into the Lodges of that Grand Body a public recognition of the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, then surely we will have accomplished something worthy of Freemasonry as we know it.

The time is opportune. A late article in the "Revue des Deux Mondes" by M. T. DeWyzewa points strongly to the fact that the thinking men of France are rapidly changing their views on this most important of all questions and if they be but spurred by the influences which I think can be brought by this Grand Lodge to bear upon them I am not without hope that at an early day such a change may be wrought that once again fraternal relations may be resumed with the Grand Orient by this Grand Lodge and all others like us cut off from them by their atheistic holdings.

I feel that in our youth so great an undertaking is perhaps beyond us, and if it is the mind of Grand Lodge that my suggestion be acted upon, I think it perhaps can best be done by communication with and through the United Grand Lodge of England, that they be asked to approve our views and by such means as they may think most effective to bring about a conference with representatives of the Grand Orient with a view to the introduction, at their earliest Communication, of an amendment to their constitution re-embodying therein that elsewhere universally essential to membership of our order, a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being who will reward virtue and punish vice.

RANK OF P.D.D.G.M.

I would recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren :

R.·. W.·.	Bro.	George William Baker.....	District	No.	1.
"	"	" Donald MacLean.....	"		2.
"	"	" Martin Skolrood.....	"		3.
"	"	" John Sutherland McKay	"		4.
"	"	" John Killops Patton	"		5.
"	"	" Joseph Marshall Coombes.....	"		6.
"	"	" Ainslie Lunham Young	"		7.
"	"	" Hamilton Lang	"		8.
"	"	" Charles William Sutter.....	"		9.
"	"	" Robert Gordon Mathews.....	"		10.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, brethren, I would venture to express the hope that you will think the suggestions I have made as to the future worthy of consideration, and that you may feel as I do the need of greater reality in our work as Lodges, which is doubtless being done by individuals sometimes, but in my opinion if we are to carry out our vocation and discharge the duties which I believe are imposed upon us by becoming members of this Ancient and most honorable Order, Grand Lodge must be the fountain whence our efforts spring, and I think the time has passed when the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba should consist merely of the reading of reports and statistics and the passing of accounts, that the time is here when we should commence to act.

I have not said anything as to the State of Masonry, but left that to the Committee specially delegated to deal with that question, yet I would like to say that from what I have seen on my visits, and from

what is told me by representative brethren of the Lodges that I have visited, I believe the tone of Freemasonry in the Canadian North-West is higher to-day than at any time heretofore in our history, and without appearing to be invidious may I say that in no part of the jurisdiction do I find this improvement more pronounced than in Winnipeg and properly there at the fountain head of Freemasonry in the North-West.

I again thank you for the great honor done me a year ago in placing me in the Grand East and with full consciousness of my many official shortcomings while occupying that distinguished position I trust it is not temerity on my part to express the hope that in some degree I have done something to imbue my brethren with a better sense of the work of Freemasonry and the duty each of us owes to it, to the world and to our fellows, and finally brethren let us remember that wherever we are, and whatever we do His all-seeing eye will behold us, and while we continue to do our duty as true and faithful Craftsmen let us never fail to do our duty to Him with fervency and zeal.

CORBET LOCKE,
Grand Master.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District No. One, I respectfully report as follows:

Below I append the date of my visits to the respective Lodges in my District—ten in all—having visited every one.

According to my commission from Grand Lodge, I have faithfully endeavored to carry out its commands, viz:

1. To inspect the labours of the Lodges, and examine and enquire into the state of the Lodges.

2. To give all masonic advice and instruction.

3. To deliver respectful and brotherly addresses.

4. To charge the Lodges with the necessity of a strict adherence to the provisions of the Constitution and to the true and acknowledged priciples of Ancient Freemasonry.

These commands, I felt, were of no empty import, and feeling the grave responsibility imposed on me, I sought to discharge the duties to the best of my meagre ability.

To deal with the respective commands seriatim, I humbly beg to report as follows:—

1. I find the Lodges in a healthy condition.

2. I advised them as to the proper conduct of a Lodge assembled, the several duties of the Master, Wardens and other officers, and particularly as to vouching, the selection of candidates, the election of Master and Wardens.

I impressed upon the Lodges the great importance of making the rendition of the Ritual impressive and solemn, and the proper examination of the candidate for advancement.

3. As an advisor, I felt the task a delicate one, and in no small measure very comprehensive—covering, as it does, the whole range of

ethical science. I touched on charity, our distinquished characteristic, on truth, honesty, honor, love, scandal, evil speaking of others, friendship, cheerfulness, social requirements, selfishness, humility, dignity, patience, human weaknesses, sorrow, joy, our duty towards each other, our duty to ourselves, and finally our duty to our Maker.

I advised them to keep ever before their eyes the teachings of our much loved Order, and carry into every day practice those tenets which are so often heard repeated in open Lodge.

Lastly, I charged the Lodges, among other requirements of the Constitution, to pay particular attention to Section 208, referring to preferment, which should be grounded on real worth and personal merit only, and that seniority, without more, should on no account be sufficient to entitle election.

I cannot close without expressing my deep sense of gratitude to the members of all the Lodges visited, for their great kindness and consideration extended towards me, many of whom on the occasion of my visit, were present notwithstanding the difficulties that had to be overcome in order to attend the meeting. I have also to thank my Secretary and Chaplain, W.·. Bro. W. R. Ross and V.·. W.·. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, for the valuable services rendered in their respective offices.

On the 23rd March, 1897, under the instruction and license of the Grand Master, I held a joint Lodge of Instruction at the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, when Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 4, 10 and 25 were represented, minutes and particulars of which are sent herewith.

Lodges.	Number.	When Visited.
Prince Rupert's	1	16th February, 1897.
Lisgar	2	7th December, 1896.
Ancient Landmark	3	11th January, 1897.
St. John's	4	16th October, 1896.
Emerson	6	3rd March, 1897.
King Solomon	8	1st December, 1896.
Northern Light	10	21st January, 1897.
Stonewall	12	17th November, 1896.
Ionic	25	5th February, 1897.
Ionic	25	7th May, 1897.
East Star	55	21st October, 1896.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. BAKER,
D.D.G.M. District Number One.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Two, I respectfully report as follows :—

I am pleased to be able to report that during the past masonic year our ancient and honorable Craft has made substantial progress in this district. Peace and harmony prevail among the brethren and a feeling of hope and confidence in the future prosperity of our Order is entertained by the brethren. True, the increase in membership has not been all we could desire, but this may be fairly attributed to the financial stringency that has prevailed during the past few years, but with the advent of better times, which we all hope to realize in the near future, a wave of prosperity all along the masonic line may, I think, be reasonably anticipated.

A Lodge of Instruction for this District was held in the Masonic Hall, in Portage la Prairie, under the auspices of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, on the 7th December last. A large number of the brethren of Assiniboine Lodge were present as also a strong contingent from Neepawa Lodge No. 24 and Temple Lodge No. 49. Presuming that the Secretary of Assiniboine Lodge has fully reported proceedings I deem it unnecessary to go into details further than to say that in my humble opinion a more frequent interchauge of visits between the brethren of different Lodges would conduce to the best interests of the Craft.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage la Prairie: I visited this Lodge officially on the 12th of April, their regular meeting, but owing to sudden indisposition I was unable to attend to my official duties on the occasion and in the absence of statistical report which I have not received I am unable to give a full report. However, I can state that Assiniboine Lodge has been doing considerable work during the past year and doing it well; it is the premier Lodge of the district and I have no doubt its affairs are in good shape financially and in every other respect.

Neepawa Lodge No. 24, Neepawa: I paid my official visit to Neepawa Lodge No. 24 on the 27th May at an emergent meeting kindly called for the occasion. I found the affairs of this Lodge in a very satisfactory condition. The books are models of neatness and good form. The historical record is written up to date, and all the work of

the Lodge is done in a business like manner. The W. M. kindly offered to confer the first degree and the work was exemplified perfectly by the W. M. and officers.

Gladstone Lodge No. 11, Gladstone: I am indebted to the W.M. of this Lodge for kindly calling an emergent meeting to meet me on the 28th May. I regret that it was not convenient to have the work in any of the degrees exemplified owing to the non-attendance of members from the country and absence of the Treasurer. The minute book is well written up and in good form. It is evident from the statistics of this Lodge that the membership has declined and the large amount of arrears of dues would indicate that the financial condition of the Lodge is not as good as could be desired.

Temple Lodge No. 49, McGregor: I visited Temple Lodge No. 49 (to which I belong) officially at a regular meeting on May 19th, and being familiar with its affairs from the beginning I can say that the standing of the Lodge at this time in every respect is very satisfactory. The first and third degrees were conferred and the work was exemplified in a creditable manner by the W.M. and other officers.

Fraternally submitted,

D. MACLEAN,

D.D.G.M. District Number Two.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Three, I respectfully report as follows:—

I visited officially the following Lodges, viz:

Oakland Lodge No. 9, Carman: On the occasion of my official visit to this Lodge on February 16th, 1897, the E. A., F. C. and M. M. degrees were conferred, the first two in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. H. C. Cunningham, W. M., and the third by W. Bro. Frank A. Brown. The work from beginning to end was done without a hitch. I examined the books and accounts and found them correctly kept. This Lodge has a balance of $225.00 in the hands of the Treasurer.

Holland Lodge No. 63, Holland: I visited this Lodge officially on April 10th, 1897. The M. M. Degree was conferred in a most efficient manner. The books are neatly and correctly kept. The Treasurer's books show a cash balance of $71.25.

Treherne Lodge No. 51: I visited this Lodge officially on April 10th, 1897, when the F.C. Degree was conferred in a creditable manner. The prospects for the future of this Lodge are bright.

Glenboro Lodge No. 48: Being a member of this Lodge I did not visit it officially. The less said about the work done the better. I am unable to say anything about the books and accounts as only two meetings have been held since December 27th, 1896.

Fraternally submitted,

M. SKOLROOD,

D.D.G.M. District Number Three.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Four, I respectfully report as follows:—

Deloraine Lodge No. 40, Deloraine: On April 14th, 1897, I visited this Lodge on its regular meeting night. They had no work on, but the W. M. and his officers exemplified the work in the E. A. Degree in a very creditable manner. V.·. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton also gave a lecture on the symbolism of the degree which was very interesting and instructive. I examined the books and found them well kept.

Oriental Lodge No. 54, Melita: I wrote the W. M. that I would visit his Lodge on their regular meeting in April but was not aware their meeting night was changed to Thursday. (Our masonic directory still gives it Friday.) Through the kindness of W.·. Bro. John Crerar we found the Secretary and examined the books and found them correct and well kept, and under the guidance of the present officers I have no doubt this Lodge will make steady progress.

Manitou Lodge No. 30, Manitou: I visited this Lodge on May 12th, 1897. Although an emergent meeting there was a good attend-

ance. As I had seen the working of this Lodge before I did not think it necessary to have them exemplify any of the work. The Secretary's books are spendidly kept and the Lodge prosperous.

Belmont Lodge No. 13, Morden: On May 13th, 1897, I visited this Lodge on its regular meeting night and had the pleasure of seeing the E. A. degree exemplified by the W. M., Bro. A. M. Stuart, and his officers in a very creditable manner and I have no doubt when they have regular work it will be very impressively done. There was a large attendance and the members show a great deal of enthusiasm in Masonry. The Secretary's books are well and carefully kept.

Killarney Lodge No. 50, Killarney: I visited this Lodge May 14th, 1897. I found everything in a prosperous condition, harmony existing among the brethren and prospects of Lodge good. Books and accounts correct and neatly kept.

Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain: This being the Lodge to which I belong I have seen nearly all its work during the past year and am pleased to report that it is in good shape. As R.·. W.·. Bro. J. D. Baine is still Secretary it is needless to make any further remarks.

By request of the M. W. Grand Master a Lodge of Instruction was held in Belmont Lodge, Morden, December 29th, 1896. All the Lodges in the district were well represented. The degree work and opening and closing ceremonies were almost letter perfect and showed that the Lodges in this district work very uniformly. The lecture by the M.W. Grand Master was much appreciated and was very instructive as well as the lecture by V.·. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton of Deloraine. Both showed a great deal of careful study and helped to give us an insight to Masonry that we are not likely to get without them.

The labors of the evening being ended we were invited to a banquet given by Belmont Lodge which was a magnificent affair. After the usual toasts and responses and several good songs we dispersed, all feeling proud that we were Masons, and feeling that too much praise could not be given to the brethren of Belmont Lodge for the way in which we were entertained.

The following morning there was a joint installation of the officers of Belmont Lodge No. 13 and Manitou Lodge No. 30, conducted by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. E. Maynard, of Deloraine, R.·. W.·. Bro. R. D. Foley,

of Manitou, R.·. W.·. Bro. J. D. Baine, Boissevain, V.·. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Deloraine, V.·.W.·. Bro. Isaac Leece, Killarney, which shows that our Past Grand Officers still take a great interest in Masonry.

In conclusion I am pleased to report that Masonry in this District is in a prosperous condition. I thank the brethren for the honor bestowed and kindness received at their hands.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. MACKAY,

D.D.G.M. District Number Four.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Five, I respectfully report as follows:—

On receipt of letter of authority and request from Grand Lodge I went to Russell and duly constituted the Lodge there on the Fourth day of August, last, and installed its officers. I found this Lodge (No. 62) well officered, the M. M. degree ably conferred, the members enthusiastic, and the number of rejections during the term it was U.D. shewing due care being exercised in the admission only of worthy members. Although the train service did not admit of suitable time for as thorough an inspection as I had wished for, a pretty lengthy talk with the W. M., S. W. and Secretary convinced me that the affairs of this Lodge were in good hands, and the feeling that appeared to exist among it members gave me to believe that Masonry in Russell would manifest itself in a most creditable manner.

On November 4th, 1896, I received a request from their Secretary for consent to the removal of the Lodge to which I gave my consent after satisfying myself that due notice of motion had been given, and on receipt of a certified copy of the motion voted upon and passed by the necessary majority. I believe their present quarters are very much more desirable and better isolated than the one in which I met the brethren on August 4th. On this occasion I was accompanied by

W.·. Bros. Patterson and Rosborough of Birtle Lodge No. 39, and Russell Lodge is indebted to these brethren for assistance during their term U. D.

On October 26th, 1896, their Secretary referred the following to me for advice, "We have a man in our neighborhood who is a member of two Lodges in the Old Country and he wants to affiliate with us. Can he do so and retain his membership in England?" My reply was that I would advise that the brother take his dimit from one of the English Lodges, as our Constitution required that a dimit or letter of recommendation should accompany his application for affiliation and I could not see the wisdom of a triple membership, as such would have a tendency to divide his allegiance. I have not since learned what action he chose to take in the matter.

On August 5th I visited officially Birtle Lodge No. 39, but regret to say that although I had arranged my visit for their regular night of meeting a very small number were present, and on looking over the register I noted that the average attendance for several months had been only eight. The officers were well up in their work, the Lodge is financially prosperous, the quarters attractive and well appointed, but there appears to be a lack of enthusiasm among its members, at least so far as the attendance at the regular meetings is concerned. Apathy too seemed to be shown by the failure of any of the members of this Lodge to attend the Lodge of Instruction held at Prince of Wales Lodge, Minnedosa, January 11th, 1897.

This Lodge of Instruction was a happy thought of the M. W., the Grand Master, and combined with the occasion of his official visit to this district, I am pleased to report that acting on his suggestion I arranged for a Lodge of Instruction as above, when the brethren to the number of fifty extended a most cordial welcome to M.·. W.·. Bro. Locke and received from him a most able, instructive and helpful address on Masonry in general.

The degree work, opening and closing, assigned to the officers of Russell Lodge No. 62, Corinthian Lodge No. 15 and Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14 was respectively exemplified in such a way as to bring out their best efforts, and showed that in all cases uniformity of work is the rule in this district as well as thoroughness. The closer acquaintance found among the visiting brethren and those of Prince of Wales Lodge, which latter were pleased to entertain them, together with the effect of making a thoroughly enjoyable gathering and one that from

the remarks of all present, I have every reason to believe the brethren thoroughly appreciated and would gladly welcome a similar gathering annually.

On May 4th, last, in company with R.·. W.·. Bros. James Leslie, T. A. Cuddy, J. F. Boyd, E. O. Denison and Bro. J. E. Menzies, I paid an official visit to Corinthian Lodge, Rapid City, and saw the F. C. degree very ably conferred by its officers. This Lodge appears to be in an excellent financial condition, owing to its own lodge building from which they derive a rental income of about $400.00 annually, from other societies for the lodge quarters and from the use of the lower part as a public hall. The entertainment provided after close of lodge brought the brethren together in a thoroughly enjoyable and fraternal gathering. I found Masonry in strong evidence among the brethren of this Lodge, and its affairs in excellent hands.

Of my own Lodge, Prince of Wales No. 14, I have to report that on the 14th inst. I paid an official visit to it. The officers of this Lodge are capable and careful workers, the accounts and records are well kept and the prospects for growth of membership most encouraging. It is gradually liquidating the building debt, and although somewhat strained in its efforts to do so, it and No. 15 are two of the few Lodges which will shortly own their own buildings free of debt and in a short time be in receipt of goodly incomes. I took the opportunity on my visit to Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, and Corinthian Lodge No. 15 to strongly charge the members to carefully study their Constitutions, particularly the ancient charges, and in a general way by a paper to remind them of the practice of the principles of Masonry, whether within or without the Lodge.

Though not coming immediately under my range of duties, I beg leave to suggest that Grand Lodge consider whether it could not be arranged to have one of its members visit Hamiota and Dauphin to ascertain the feelings of several members of the Craft resident in those places, with a view of bringing the required number together to petition Grand Lodge for dispensation to hold lodges in those places, as I have reason to believe there are enough to form strong Lodges without weakening in any way those of Birtle or Rapid City.

Fraternally submitted,

J. K. PATTON,

D.D.G.M. District Number Five.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Six, I respectfully report as follows:—

As a member of Kinistino Lodge No. 16, and a regular attendant, my official visit, which was paid on 7th inst., was merely formal. I am happy to say that notwithstanding the general depression, this, the pioneer lodge of the Territories, is enjoying a season of comparative prosperity, there being an increase of membership of seven since last report, with several applications on the books.

During my term of office Bro. D. C. McLellan as W. M. during 1896, and Bro. C. O. Davidson during 1897, have both proven themselves energetic Masons and quite capable of conferring all the degrees.

The custom of holding open meetings or "At Homes" at intervals of a month or two has been introduced by the Lodge, when the members with their families and a few invited friends spend the evening with music, &c., and has had a good effect.

The Lodge owns an excellent piano which, with the furniture is insured for $600.00.

I am sorry that I have been unable to visit Battle Lodge, but there being no direct communication between Prince Albert and Battleford, I have not felt able to spare the time necessary for the journey, but from correspondence with the W. M. and Secretary I am satisfied that the statistical report of the Lodge will show satisfactory progress.

Since writing the foregoing, on 22nd ult., the statistical report of Battle Lodge No. 38 has come to hand. The postal communication between Prince Albert and Battleford is very indirect, which will account for the delay in reaching me.

I am glad to say that this Lodge shows an increase of three members, which, considering their isolated position, is very gratifying.

I also enclose you a letter from the Secretary of Battle Lodge, accompanying the report, in which he asks for instructions in posting

certain items. I have filled in the report in red ink, as I consider it should be done; if I am not correct please have alterations made.

I hope this will reach you in time for use at Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. COOMBS,

D.D.G.M. District Number Six.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Seven, I respectfully report as follows:—

In submitting my report for the current year it affords me much pleasure to state that Masonry in this district is in a prosperous condition and that peace and harmony prevail among the brethren of the various Lodges.

The annexed statistical report shows an increase in the total membership and I am pleased to notice that the Lodges require candidates for advancement to be thoroughly proficient before being advanced to the higher degrees and that "the work" throughout the District is performed with uniformity.

I visited the Lodges in the District, as follows:

Brandon Lodge No. 19, Brandon: I visited this Lodge on May 11th, 1897. The E. A. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the W. M., W.·. Bro. L. M. More, assisted by a very efficient staff of officers. The state of this Lodge has improved considerably during the past year; it is now free of debt and has a fair cash balance on hand. The Lodge room is all that could be desired and well furnished. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept but show too many delinquents. I impressed the necessity of carrying out Section 170 of the Constitution. The attendance is small in comparison to the membership considering the number of members resident in the city. I have not been able to procure the statistical report from the Secretary although it was asked for in ample time.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Souris: I visited this Lodge on 27th Dec., 1896, and installed the Officers, I also visited it several times during the year. The W. M., W.·. Bro. A. J. Stewart, confers the three degrees in a manner hard to beat, the books are correct and the Lodge room beautifully furnished. A large amount was paid for relief. This Lodge suffered a great loss by the death of its oldest charter member, Bro. James Hopkins, who was buried with Masonic honors by the brethren of Glenwood Lodge No. 27 and Hartney Lodge No. 52.

Carberry Lodge No. 29, Carberry: I regret that I was unable to visit this Lodge at its regular meeting in May, as I had intended, being prevented from doing so. The Secretary of this Lodge has failed to send in the statistical report.

Lebanon Lodge No. 43, Virden: I visited this Lodge on June 2nd, 1897. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, free of debt, very few members in arrears for dues, a well furnished Lodge room, and a good average attendance. The Lodge is very fortunate in having a very efficient Secretary in W.·. Bro. H. H. Goulter, and the books are in excellent shape; it can also boast of considerable debating talent among its members and a lively discussion of several interesting masonic subjects added greatly to the enjoyment of the meeting. W.·. Bro. Thomas Frame has the work up well and fills the chair with dignity.

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44, Oak Lake: I drove over to Oak Lake and visited the Lodge there on 1st June, 1897. The W. M. having removed to Winnipeg, W.·. Bro. W. A. Hamilton filled the chair in his absence. I examined the books and found them well kept but nearly half the members in arrears. I requested a compliance with the Constitution in this respect. The Lodge room is very comfortable, the building being owned by the Lodge which is in good financial condition and the prospects are good.

Hartney Lodge No. 52, Hartney: I visited this Lodge on 14th May, the occasion being the official visit of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master with whom I drove over from Souris. The first degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by the W. M., Bro. Richard Shore, after which the M.·. W.·. Grand Master delivered a most interesting lecture which was greatly enjoyed by all present. I examined the books of the Secretary, Bro. B. McDermott, and found them in first class condition, only two members being in arrears; the average attendance is good and the prospects bright.

Composite Lodge No. 64, Alexander: I drove over to Alexander with M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas and several brethren from Glenwood Lodge No. 27 and constituted this Lodge and installed the officers. After the ceremony a pleasant time was spent in the lodge room enjoying the hospitality of the Alexander brethren. I again visited this Lodge on 13th May, 1897, and was very much pleased at the progress made. Although the youngest Lodge in the district its officers do the work perfectly. On this occasion the M. M. degree was conferred on four brethren. The Secretary, Bro. Wm. Dickson, keeps the books correctly and according to the Constitution. This is a very promising Lodge.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the many kindnesses extended to me during my official term.

Fraternally submitted,

AINSLIE L. YOUNG,

D.D.G.M. District Number Seven.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Eight, I respectfully report as follows:—

Wascana Lodge No. 23, Regina: During my residence in Regina in the latter part of 1896 I had several opportunities of observing the working of this Lodge. Its membership is large but the attendance is small. A lack of harmony is apparent. Some earnest and faithful brethren are endeavoring to bring about a change and I trust that the problem may be solved.

Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26, Moose Jaw: At the festival communication of this Lodge I was present officially for the purpose of installing its officers. I have since attended several of its meetings. This Lodge has deservedly a reputation for accuracy of work. The manner in which degrees are given is highly creditable, and the business of the Lodge is ably conducted. The books have been in the hands of painstaking and efficient Secretaries. The financial condition is not good.

Several years ago the Lodge assumed a heavy responsibility in assisting in the maintenance of the family of a deceased brother, a responsibility that may exist for many years to come. Other pressing appeals for relief have been responded to, even to the extent of depleting the treasury.

While the Master and his officers are most solicitous for the welfare of their Lodge, perfect harmony however does not exist. The Lodge has suffered by the introduction of unreasonable opposition; and, as too often is the case where a Lodge is divided into factions, the rejection of candidates has become alarmingly frequent. These are matters that will work their own cure and the prediction is justifiable that the Lodge will pass through the fire and eventually see the good results of the interest and care of its present officers.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 32, Fort Qu'Appelle: I visited this Lodge at its regular meeting 18th May, 1896. An inspection of the Secretary's work showed an accurate knowledge of the Constitution. Save for one error in transcribing minutes, the books were perfect. It was a pleasure to witness this Lodge at work. As the minutes were read one motion was particularly striking: A brother had been absent for two meetings. The W. M. was requested to appoint a committee to interview the brother in question with the object of ascertaining if his absence was from a cause possible of adjustment by the committee. Their report was received at this meeting which stated that the brother had informed the committee that his absence had been due entirely to exigencies beyond his control and that he looked forward to being present as usual at next meeting. Comment is superfluous.

On evenings when there was no work the minutes show that papers have been read and addresses given upon Masonic subjects, notice being given a month previously of the subject selected in order that the brethren could prepare for the discussion to follow. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition. There are no arrears of dues and the sum of sixty-six dollars was contributed to the Indian Famine Fund.

Indian Head Lodge No. 33, Indian Head: I visited this Lodge 19th May, 1897. The books were carefully kept. The Historical Register was not fully written up, but in all other respects they were satisfactory. The Worshipful Master and Wardens are excellent officers and the Lodge is in a healthy condition. The discussion that followed my lecture showed that the brethren are deeply in earnest.

Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 34, Qu'Appelle Station: The notice given this Lodge of my intended visit was unavoidably very short. The W.M.

resides three miles out of town and a large percentage of the members live in the country. The meeting that I asked for on 19th May, 1897, could not be arranged. While I sojourned at Broadview about a week afterwards I saw the Secretary of this Lodge and obtained from him information that convinced me that it was necessary that I should see the books, and if a meeting could not be arranged to at least hold a conference with the W. M. and such of the brethren as could be gathered together. Accordingly I again went to Qu'Appelle Station on 28th May and saw the W. M. I found the books in bad condition. There was no system of fyling papers, and important documents were stowed away under the covers of the books. No entries of suspensions and rejections of sister Lodges show in the Black Book since 1891. If there was an audit at the end of 1896 the fact was not shown as the Cash Book was balanced in pencil. No entries of cash appeared for the current year. Errors and ommissions were made in the Minute Book. The confirmation of the last election of Master was not completed and at the installation all the work would appear to have been done in the Third Degree. Important entries in the Historical Record had not been made and amendments to By-laws had not been entered. From 26th May, 1896, to 15th December, 1896, no meetings were held. This Lodge, however, is one of the few that attempted to write the "History of Formation and Progress" although this has not been kept up. I addressed the W. M. and those present and went minutely into the irregularities to which I have referred. Through lack of a quorum the Lodge was not formally opened. I was glad to find that addresses by the members upon Masonic subjects were instituted last winter.

Moosomin Lodge No. 35, Moosomin: Official visit 26th May, 1897. Upon examination of the books I found a great departure from the established form of recording minutes. The time of raising and lowering was not noted. At the last installation the work would appear to have been done in the Second Degree throughout. This Installation took place at a festival communication, yet business of the Lodge was transacted. I observed that the order of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master re the death of the late M.·. W.·. Bro. J. H. Bell had not been carried out. I was informed that the document, being rather a long one, was taken "as read." In the Historical Register the names of elective and appointed officers had not been entered up to date and those that did appear were shown for the wrong years. The record of members was incomplete and was mutilated by the names of dimitted brethren having been scored out. In fyling the dimits of joining brethren the same were not cancelled. I am satisfied that the character of the work

done by this Lodge is excellent and I was greatly pleased with the spirit of harmony pervading it.

Wapananung Lodge No. 46, Broadview: Official visit 24th June, 1896. At this meeting I installed the officers. I found the affairs of the Lodge in an unsatisfactory condition. A copy of the Standard By-laws was pinned to a page in the Historical Register and underneath this a few of the members had subscribed their names. The date fixed on the Charter for the holding of the regular meeting was the first Tuesday of each month. The Lodge has always met on the first Thursday and the books contain nothing, nor could any brother give any information to account for this discrepancy. No attempt had been made to keep the records. The Black Book contained only entries for 1896. Some members were in arrears to large amounts. I sojourned at Broadview again on 27th March, 1897. A meeting could not be held as there were not seven Master Masons within the jurisdiction of the Lodge. I inspected the books again and found that no attempt had been made to carry out the suggestions I made at my previous visit. I discussed the situation with the Master and Treasurer and gathered that the surrender of the Charter will shortly be made.

Ashlar Lodge No. 47, Whitewood: Official visit 22nd May, 1897. I found that in 1893 the By-laws adopted by this Lodge were not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence as some clauses conflicted with the Constitution. The necessary amendments were never made. They were copied into the Historical Register and presented to each member for subscription. A change in the date of holding the election of officers was made some time ago by ordinary motion and the old date was simply scratched out and the new date written above. The minutes of each meeting are in one long paragraph from opening to closing and are not in correct form. There is a large arrearage of dues. After I had addressed the Lodge many brethren expressed a desire to see Ashlar Lodge shake itself out of this condition of inertia and I think that some improvement will soon be seen.

In this Lodge there are five brethren who have occupied the chair none of whom has received the Past Master's degree, yet each of them possess Past Master's certificates from the Grand Lodge. There being no Past Masters present I could not confer the degrees.

Evening Star Lodge No. 57, Grenfell: Official visits 14th September, 1896, and 25th May, 1897. I inspected the books on my first visit and found much to be desired. The Black Book was blank. No By-laws appeared in the Historical Register, the brethren having

signed a blank page therein. Upon my second visit I found that my instructions had not been carried out. I read the minutes of several meetings aloud to the Lodge and asked the brethren to express their views as to their correctness. One minute showed that an application for affiliation was received and the ballot immediately passed "and being found clear, etc." Another showed no record of the lowering of the Lodge from the third degree while a candidate was being initiated. I instructed the brethren in the Lodge working, the giving of signs, saluting, &c., and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. This Lodge works in the greatest harmony and has a live interest in the Craft.

On 14th September, 1896, acting under authority from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, I presided at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge at this town for the purpose of laying with Masonic Ceremonies the corner stone of the Masonic Temple. This building has been erected by Evening Star Lodge and is certainly a credit to its members. It is a handsome and commodious stone structure costing about $8000.00. It will shortly be ready for occupation.

North West Mounted Police Lodge No. 61, Regina: Official visit 14th August, 1896. The condition of this Lodge is highly satisfactory. Great care is exercised in the selection of material. I have paid many visits to this Lodge and have seen excellent work performed. The meetings are most harmonious and I consider this Lodge one of the foremost in the district.

It will be observed that in my report of some Lodges I do not refer to degree work. Where candidates were not available at regular meetings I have never required a Master to exemplify work. By a conversational lecture, where questions are asked and the brethren encouraged to ask questions in return and express their views upon points in the ritual, I find that as intelligent a judgment can be arrived at as by witnessing a performance that sometimes partakes of the nature of a farce.

I thank the brethren for the many acts of courtesy and kindness that have made my work so pleasant during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

HAMILTON LANG,

D.D.G.M. District Number Eight.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District No. Nine, I respectfully report as follows:

I was unable to visit all the Lodges in my district owing to important duties calling me away at a time when I had made arrangements for a series of visitations. However I am pleased to state that Masonic light is rapidly spreading in the north.

I had the pleasure of instituting two new Lodges during my term of office, Eureka Lodge at Lacombe, Alberta, and Acacia Lodge at South Edmonton, Alberta. A petition will be submitted by the brethren of Fort Saskatchewan—twenty miles north of Edmonton—for a dispensation for a Lodge at that place.

Bow River Lodge No. 28, Calgary: I visited this Lodge officially at an emergent meeting called for that purpose on the evening of April 21st, 1897. The night being stormy the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. The E. A. degree was exemplified by V.·. W.·. Bro. E. N. Brown, assisted by W.·. Bro. R. J. Jephson, W. M. The lecture on the Tracing Board was given by Bro. G. MacDonald in a very creditable manner. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Cascade Lodge No. 42, Banff: Owing to reasons already given I was unable to visit this Lodge. From enquiries made there has been some trouble in this Lodge but I believe there has been an improvement recently. I have not had an opportunity of obtaining particulars regarding the standing of this Lodge and its members.

Edmonton Lodge No. 53, Edmonton: I visited this Lodge, of which I am a member, officially at a regular meeting on January 15th, 1897. The newly installed officers conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner and judging from information obtained they are going to have plenty of work during the year. The books are well kept and the Historical Register has been written up by the Secretary, Bro. Geo. T. Bragg. This Lodge has made application to become incorporated under the Grand Lodge Incorporation Ordinance. The future prospects of this Lodge are bright.

Perfection Lodge No. 60, Calgary: I visited this Lodge officially at a regular meeting held April 20th, 1897. There was a large attendance of brethren to welcome me. The E. A. degree was conferred upon

a candidate by W.·. Bro. R. N. Kirkpatrick, W. M. The lecture on the Tracing Board was delivered by W.·. Bro. I. S. G. Van Wart and I have never seen it more impressively given. The prospects for the future of this Lodge are good.

I was called upon to investigate a complaint made by members of Bow River Lodge No. 28 that members of this Lodge had improperly solicited candidates who had signified their intention of joining that Lodge to present their petition to Perfection Lodge No. 60 instead. I took the evidence of the brethren and found there were no grounds to warrant such a complaint.

Innisfail Lodge No. 58: I found it impossible to visit this Lodge but in conversation with the W. M. I find that while it is not gaining in membership it is still holding its own.

Red Deer Lodge U. D., Red Deer: This is one of the Lodges that I was unable to visit owing to reasons given. I have, however, conversed with the Secretary, Bro. G. W. Greene, and he informs me that meetings have not been held for several months. It appears that the members do not take any interest in the Lodge. I asked to see the books but he could not produce them at the time. I would recommend that the authority granted to this Lodge to work be withdrawn.

Eureka Lodge U. D., Lacombe: Acting upon the instructions of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master I instituted this Lodge on September 16th, 1896. The membership is small but their masonic enthusiasm is unbounded which will make this a successful Lodge. I again visited this Lodge for the purpose of conferring the E. A., F. C. and M. M. degrees. R.·. W.·. Bro. T. F. English, Grand Junior Warden, also visited it for the same purpose. The Lodge received a setback owing to the removal of Bro. Henry J. Richardson, W. M., from the jurisdiction, but his place is being well filled by Bro. G. W. Streeter who was appointed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to succeed Bro. Richardson. This Lodge has a neat hall, fairly well furnished, and I would recommend that a charter be granted.

Acacia Lodge U. D., South Edmonton: On December 22nd, 1896, I instituted this Lodge, assisted by a number of the officers and members of Edmonton Lodge No. 53. Six applications for initiation were received at the first meeting and I feel sure there is a bright future in store for this Lodge. I have not had an opportunity of visiting it since but as R.·. W.·. Bro. T. F. English is a member I am satisfied that the

work is being well done and would therefore recommend that a charter be granted to this Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. SUTTER,

D.D.G.M. District Number Nine.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Ten, I respectfully report as follows:—

The year now closing has witnessed the inauguration of what will, I hope, become in future an annual gathering of the Freemasons of this district, viz: a general Lodge of Instruction of the Lodges therein. At the earnest desire of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I undertook to arrange for a gathering of the brethren in the southern stretch of this county from the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains to the distant Cypress Hills. Most Worshipful Bro. Corbet Locke considered that the good results, both socially and fraternally, that would thereby result to the Craft in this district would be far reaching in their effects, and his opinion was not one bit overestimated.

Owing to the dual rite in use in this jurisdiction a difficulty seemed to present itself at the very commencement as to how best to arrange matters. I finally decided that the most desirable and at the same time perhaps the only practicable course to pursue would be to have a complete exemplification of both the Canadian and American Rites. This was accordingly carried out. All arrangements were complete to hold the meeting in November, but the violent snow storms that raged during that month put the idea of travelling completely out of the question. The postponement was unavoidable. Later dates were then decided upon but again and again the weather and the state of the roads made travelling impossible. It was, at length, not until January 30th, 1897, that the meeting was an accomplished fact. On this day over sixty of the brethren assembled in the Hall of Alberta Lodge, Macleod, including many members of North Star and Spitzie Lodges, and making, I venture to state, one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons ever assembled together in Alberta, perhaps indeed, with the

single exception of the Grand Lodge meeting at Banff in 1894, the largest. The Lodge was opened in due form in the Canadian Rite by the officers of Alberta Lodge, after which an able and interesting address from the Grand Master was read. The gavel was then handed to W.·. Bro. James Nicoll, W. M. of Spitzie Lodge No. 45, who took charge of the Lodge and with his Wardens and officers proceeded to exemplify the E. A. degree. He was followed by W.·. Bro. J. Herron, a P. M. of Spitzie Lodge, with the F. C. degree, and W.·. Bro. Herron was in time followed by V.·. W.·. Bro. H. E. Hyde with the M. M. degree. How exceedingly well the work was performed is a fact I cannot speak too highly of. The Ritual was seen and heard for the first time by many of our York Rite brethren from North Star Lodge No. 41, and it was seen as near to perfection as I believe it possible to get. The Lodge was then taken charge of by the W. M. and officers of Alberta Lodge and closed down in the three degrees in due form. After a brief spell for rest and refreshment W.·. Bro. T. McNab, W. M. of North Star Lodge No. 41, assumed the East and with his officers opened the Lodge according to the York Rite and proceeded to exemplify the First and Third degrees. As in the former exemplification this working was seen for the first time by many of those accustomed only to the Canadian Ritual, and it was an interesting spectacle very efficiently rendered. The day's proceedings terminated with an enjoyable supper party, at which the members of Alberta Lodge entertained the visitors, making a most pleasant ending to an interesting day.

During the year past I have officially visited all the Lodges in my district.

Spitzie Lodge No. 45, Pincher Creek: I visited this Lodge officially on February 12th, 1897. It is at present somewhat peculiarly situated, inasmuch that out of a total membership of 30 no less than 17 are non-residents. To this fact is partly owing the rather large amount of arrears of dues, $91.00. The Lodge is, however, in first rate financial condition, having no debts and the snug sum of $266.75, cash in hand. I have already alluded to the manner in which this Lodge exemplified the three degrees at the Lodge of Instruction. I can only re-iterate the opinion expressed: the military precision of movements and the absolute correctness of language, combined, gave an exhibition of the working of the Canadian Ritual that I have never seen equalled in any other Lodge. The books are efficiently kept, and there is an ample insurance on Lodge property. I was informed that a system is in existence whereby the capability of an aspirant to the Master's chair

is thoroughly tested before an election comes off, and only a brother well up in the work can expect to be elected. This seems a praiseworthy idea, and no doubt accounts for the proficiency of the officers. Average attendance 11. Meetings held 13.

Alberta Lodge No. 37, Macleod: This being my mother Lodge, and the one of which I am still an active member, I have of course had many opportunities of becoming familiar with its circumstances. I visited the Lodge officially on November 4th, 1896. W.·. Bro. R. N. Wilson is an enthusiastic Mason and a most capable ruler in the Craft while in R.·.W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M., the Lodge has a most efficient Secretary. Financially the Lodge is about emerging from a depression that has existed for some time and has somewhat tied its hands. The chief reason, indeed the only one, is the lamentable amount of arrears of dues, being no less a sum than $215.81. This is too much, and is owing to a, perhaps, excusable reluctance on the part of Worshipful Masters to take the extreme measures laid down in the Constitution. It is a question whether this is not a mistaken kindness towards many of the delinquents. The books are well kept and the Lodge property is sufficiently insured. The prospects of the Lodge are looking bright and there is a healthy interest making itself apparent amongst members that speaks well for the future. Average attendance 19. Meetings held 17.

North Star Lodge No. 41, Lethbridge: I visited this Lodge officially on 3rd May, 1897, and had the pleasure of meeting many old friends and making some new ones. The Lodge is gradually creeping to the front and has a small sum in the treasury with no debts. I had already had the pleasure of witnessing W.·. Bro. T. McNab, W. M., and his officers exemplify the First and Third degrees at the Lodge of Instruction at Macleod, I was therefore glad to have the opportunity of also seeing the F. C. degree very capably exemplified on this occasion. I made a careful examination of the books and found them neatly and correctly kept. In W.·. Bro. Alex. Moffat the Lodge has a Secretary of tried experience, while Bro. F. Champness is the "beau ideal" of a Treasurer. The excellent attendance of members speaks well for the interest taken in the Lodge. I had occasion to call the Secretary's attention to the non-compliance with Sec. 226, Sub. Sec. 9, of the Constitution, relating to the sending of notices to the D.D.G.M.; since then they have been regularly received. There is no insurance on the Lodge property, chiefly I understand, because there is nothing particularly valuable to insure. The hall is large and comfortable. The future of the Lodge should be a prosperous one as in spite of five dimits during

the year past there seems every chance of the membership roll during the coming year totalling up larger than ever before. Average attendance 17, meetings held 14.

Maple Leaf Lodge No 56, Maple Creek: I visited this Lodge officially on 4th May, 1897. Owing, I was told, to some slight misunderstanding as to the date of my visit, on account of the night specified not being a regular meeting night, (although I had given a full week's notice of my intentions to be present on that date), there was a very small turn-out of the brethren to meet me. By an unfortunate but unavoidable circumstance, W.·. Bro. Isaac Forbes, W.M., had to leave by the same train that I arrived on. The Junior Warden was also unavoidably absent. As there were only six brethren present, four of whom were Past Masters, including R.·.W ·. Bro. M. H. White-Fraser, P.D.D.G.M., I dispensed with any degree work. I found the books extremely neat and correct, reflecting credit on W.·. Bro. John Dixon, who, on the removal of the regular Secretary from the town owing to business changes, assumed charge thereof. The Lodge property is well insured and the hall well furnished and commodious. The financial condition is a most creditable one, out of a total membership of twenty-four, there being only two one year or over in arrears of dues, and the total arrears of dues only amounting to $32.00. In addition to this excellent showing the Lodge has $100.00 to its credit. For such a young Lodge, whose membership roll has still ample room for expansion, this is a most prosperous and creditable showing. Average attendance 9. Meetings held 12.

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, Medicine Hat: I visited this Lodge officially on 5th May, 1897, and had the pleasure of meeting a fair turnout of the brethren, amongst whom were M.·. W.·. Bro. T. Tweed, P.G.M., and R.·.W.·. Bro. W. T. Findlay, P.D.D.G.M. The F. C. degree was closely and capably exemplified by W.·. Bro. R. C. Becker, W.M., and an efficient set of officers. The Lodge room is most comfortable and roomy, and exceedingly well furnished, and there is ample insurance on the furniture. I made a careful inspection of the books. The amount of arrears of dues is far too heavy, and unless there are very good reasons to the contrary, and so far as I could learn there are none the provisions of the Constitution touching on this question should be carried out. The Lodge, however, is in a prosperous condition, having a balance of $195.00 to its credit. On perusing the minute book for the past year I discovered what I at first considered an irregularity, viz: that two meetings had been held at which only six brethren were present, but I was informed that it was not necessary to have a quorum of seven

present before opening an M. M. Lodge in the York Ritual. This of course is essential in the Canadian Rite, the only one with which I am familiar. But I can find nothing in the Constitution bearing on the subject. Early in the Masonic year I had to draw the attention of the Secretary to his non-compliance with Sec. 226, Sub. Sec. 9, of the Constitution, as to sending notices of meetings to the D.D.G.M., since which time I have received them regularly. I had also to reprimand this Lodge for continued delay in forwarding the June returns to the Grand Secretary. The Lodge ledger struck me as being not altogether a suitable book, or at any rate not nearly so suitable as those in use by all the other Lodges in this district, where the regular Member's Book as issued by the Grand Lodge is used. This seems preferable to a plain ledger where all the accounts of the Lodge, members' and mercantile, are mixed up together. The average attendance, 11, is not quite what one would expect from a membership of 40. Meetings held 11.

Speaking generally, Masonry throughout the district seems to be entering on an era of prosperity. Lodge prospects are brighter than they have been for some time past. This no doubt is but according to the eternal fitness of all things, wherein Masonic Lodges, like every body and everything else, are effected by trade depressions such as the one that I believe we are now emerging from in this country.

Before closing I feel it to be my duty, as it is likewise my desire, to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Sergeant William Brock Wylde, of the N.W.M. Police, a member of Alberta Lodge No. 37, who lost his life in a gallant attempt to arrest the Indian murderer, "Charcoal." He was a true friend, and an upright, honorable gentleman who lived respected and died bravely doing his duty, deeply regretted by all who were fortunate enough to have his acquaintance.

Finally I wish to thank the brethren of this district for the hearty welcome accorded me on my official visits, and for the many courtesies extended to me both personally and officially.

Fraternally submitted,

R. GORDON MATTHEWS,
D.D.G.M. District Number Ten.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. William Arthur Lang (19), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report, as follows:

JOHN MCKECHNIE, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

DR.

1896.						
Jan. 1	To Balance on hand as per Report					$34 68
Mar. 21	" Grand Lodge Special Account				419 13	
May 14	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary				180 55	
June 27	"	"	"	"	220 10	
July 9	"	"	"	"	355 75	
July 30	"	"	"	"	365 80	
Aug. 31	"	"	"	"	109 93	
Oct. 13	"	"	"	"	104 75	
Nov. 13	"	"	"	"	55 95	
Dec. 12	"	"	"	"	145 85	
1897.						
Jan. 5	"	"	"	"	335 85	
Jan. 18	"	"	"	"	413 50	
Feb. 5	"	"	"	"	265 35	
Feb. 25	"	"	"	"	233 73	
March 8	"	"	"	"	41 15	
						3247 39
						$3282 07

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1896.		Order No.	
Mar. 25	By T. W. Taylor	667	$ 2 25
"	The Copp Clark Co	668	4 00
"	H. Radford	669	4 00
"	T. R. Manahan	670	6 00
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	671	8 75
"	Winnipeg Saturday Night Co	672	10 00
"	J. H. Torrey	673	18 27

Mar. 25	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	674	23 72
"	John Bailey	675	59 13
"	H. W. Herchmer, Secretary East Star Lodge No. 55	676	10 00
"	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	677	50 00
"	Hart & McPherson	678	3 80
"	McIntyre Bros	679	19 75
Mar. 31	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	680	175 00
July 10	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	681	2 50
"	James Robertson	682	3 70
"	The Saturday Night Co	683	4 00
"	McIntyre Bros	684	31 75
"	The Consolidated Stationery Co	685	35 15
"	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	686	50 00
"	Hart & Co	687	5 20
"	M. W. Rublee & Co	688	8 50
"	John McBride	689	10 00
"	G. W. Murray	690	132 50
"	A. G. Hample	691	4 00
"	The Commercial Union Assurance Co	692	4 50
"	T. W. Taylor	693	4 50
"	John Bailey	694	4 80
"	John Bailey	695	5 00
"	Alex. Taylor	696	5 90
"	James A. Payne	697	6 50
"	The Copp Clark Co	698	8 25
"	Robert Johnstone	699	10 00
"	Wm. Greig	700	11 00
"	Hartford Fire Insurance Co	701	17 60
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	702	21 99
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	703	41 60
"	Andrew & Co'	704	53 50
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	705	175 00
July 23	Charles N. Bell	706	200 00
Aug. 31	H. Radford	707	3 50
"	Hart & Co	708	3 60
"	Secretary Holland Lodge No. 63	709	5 00
"	The Guarantee Co'y of North America	710	11 25
"	McIntyre Bros	711	261 60
Sept. 25	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	712	50 00
Oct. 16	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	713	175 00
Dec. 29	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	714	50 00

1897.				
Jan. 9	Bell & Clark	715	19 50	
"	Leslie Bros	716	42 60	
"	E. W. Rugg & Co	717	21 75	
"	Wm. Cranston & Co	718	8 60	
"	T. W. Taylor	719	24 20	
"	W. G. Bell	720	57 88	
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	721	39 32	
"	Secretary St. John's Lodge No. 4	722	10 00	
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	723	11 33	
"	E. W. Rugg & Co	724	2 75	
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	725	4 43	
"	T. W. Taylor	726	25 00	
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	727	27 42	
"	General Masonic Relief Association, U. S. and Canada	728	12 15	
"	The Consolidated Stationery Co	729	19 65	
"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	730	175 00	
"	Canadian Bank of Commerce	731	200 00	
"	The Hudson's Bay Co	732	74 25	
"	Bell & Clark	733	2 20	
"	Balance cash on hand		691 98	
				$3282 07

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

1896.	DR.			
Jan. 1	To balance cash on hand		755 22	
May 31	" Interest		10 20	
Nov. 30	" "		6 00	
				771 42
1896.	CR.			
April 13	By Grand Lodge Current Account (loan)		419 13	
Dec. 31	" Balance cash on hand		352 29	
				771 42

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

1896.	DR.			
Jan. 1	To balance cash on hand		104 07	
May 31	" Interest		1 19	
Sept. 21	" "		30	
Nov. 30	" "		60	
				106 16

1896.		Cr.		
April 13	By Mrs. M—— B———.....		25 00	
Dec. 31	" Balance cash on hand.....		81 16	
				106 16

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1896.		Dr.		
Mar. 27	To balance cash on hand.....			270 09
		Cr.		
April 2	By Hart & McPherson.....		28 20	
"	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian..... ...		18 91	
"	" " " "		5 00	
"	" Charles N. Bell		5 25	
Dec. 31	" Balance cash on hand.....		212 73	
				270 09

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,

Grand Treasurer.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Wm. J. Garton (6), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report, as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I herewith submit my Annual Report as Grand Secretary.

Soon after the close of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a manuscript copy of the Proceedings was placed in the hands of the printer, and on August 5th I forwarded the printed Proceedings to the Grand Officers, sister Grand Lodges, subordinate Lodges, publishers of Masonic magazines and periodicals, and others.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz:—

Russell Lodge No. 62, Russell, District No. 5, constituted August 3rd, 1896, by R.·.W.·. Bro. J. K. Patton, District Deputy Grand Master.

Holland Lodge No. 63, Holland, District No. 3, constituted July 29th, 1896, by R.·.W.·. Bro. M. Skolrood, District Deputy Grand Master.

Composite Lodge No. 64, Alexander, District No. 7, constituted August 6th, 1896, by R.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander L. Young, District Deputy Grand Master.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, dispensations for the following new Lodges have been issued:

August 27th, 1896, Eureka Lodge at Lacombe, Alberta, District No. 9; 11 charter members—Bro. Henry James Richardson, W. Master; Bro. Herbert Yeo, Senior Warden; Bro. Henry Brethan Howell, Junior Warden. Instituted September 16th, 1896, by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles W. Sutter, District Deputy Grand Master. The W. Master named in the Dispensation having removed from the jurisdiction the office became vacant, and on April 24th, 1897, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master appointed Bro. George Washington Streeter, to fill the vacancy.

December 22nd, 1886, Acacia Lodge at South Edmonton, Alberta, District No. 9 ; 9 charter members—Bro. Alexander C. Rutherford, W. Master; Bro. Tom W. Lines, Senior Warden; Bro. William Edward Ross, Junior Warden. Instituted January 28th, 1897, by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles W. Sutter, District Deputy Grand Master.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation adopted by Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication the dispensation of Red Deer Lodge was on June 10th, 1896, renewed, the following being the officers named in the Dispensation :—W.·. Bro. Charles P. Gee, W. Master; Bro. Robert M· Pardue, Senior Warden; Bro. Philisk Pidgeon, Junior Warden.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held as follows :

At Grenfell, Assiniboia, on Monday, September 14th, 1896, for the purpose of laying with Masonic Ceremonies the corner stone of the Masonic Temple. The ceremonies were performed by R.·. W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl, W.·. Bro. James A. Sutherland and others.

At Selkirk, Manitoba, on Thursday, September 17th, 1896, for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of the Selkirk Public School. The ceremonies were performed by M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master, assisted by R.·. W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman, R.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg, R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott, M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell and others.

At Winnipeg, on Thursday, March 18th, 1897, for the purpose of attending the funeral of late M.·. W.·. Bro. John Headley Bell and interring his remains with the honors of Masonry. The ceremonies were performed by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master, assisted by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel Matheson, M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, and R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication, commissions for representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows :

January 30th, 1897—R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan re-appointed for the period ending January 1st, 1900.

April 23rd, 1897—V.·. W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Montana, vice M.·. W.·. Bro. John Headley Bell, deceased.

October 15th, 1896—R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, of Winnipeg, from the United Grand of England, vice M.·. W.·. Bro. Alfred Pearson, removed from the jurisdiction.

May 20th, 1897—R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, of Moosomin, from the Grand Lodge of Utah, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Peter McGregor, resigned.

May 21st, 1897—R.·. W.·. Bro. James Duncan Baine, of Boissevain, from the Grand Lodge of Florida, vice M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson, resigned.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master:

Date. 1896.	No.	Name.	For What Granted.
June 19	..42	Cascade	To attend Divine Service.
19	.. 6	Emerson	To attend Divine Service.
19	..58	Innisfail	To attend Divine Service.
20	.. 4	St. John's	To transact the business of the regular meeting at an emergent meeting on July 8th, the date of the regular meeting falling on a statutory holiday.
June 20	..47	Ashlar	To transact the business of the regular meeting at an emergent meeting on June 22nd, the date of the regular meeting falling on that of the Dominion election—June 23rd.
June 20	..43	Lebanon	To hold special installation.
26	.. 1	Prince Rupert's	To attend Divine Service.
26	..35	Moosomin	To attend Divine Service.
26	..39	Birtle	To attend Divine Service.
July 2	..47	Ashlar	To attend Divine Service.
10	..50	Killarney	To hold special installation.
28	..53	Edmonton	To attend Divine Service.
29	..57	Evening Star	To attend Divine Service.

Aug.	16	..23	Wascana .....To attend Divine Service.
	20	..37	Alberta .....To attend Divine Service.
	27	..13	Belmont.....To attend Divine Service.
Dec.	22	..13	Belmont.....To hold special installation.
	24	..37	Alberta .....To attend Divine Service.
	24	..37	Alberta ....To hold a Conversazione.
	28	..26	Moosejaw .....To hold special installation.
Feby.	4	..55	East Star .....To hold special installation.
Mar.	1	..61	N.W. Mount'd Police.To install W. Master.
May	6	..37	Alberta .....To elect and install a Senior Warden.
May	10	..29	Carberry .....To hold special installation.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the By-Laws of the following Lodges :

October 23rd, 1896. Ancient Landmark No. 3.
February 4th, 1897. Innisfail Lodge No. 58.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the amendments to the By-Laws of the following Lodges:

June 30, 1896. Indian Head Lodge No. 33.
July 7, 1896. Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 34.
Oct. 3, 1896. Gladstone Lodge No. 11.
Feb. 12, 1897. Indian Head Lodge No. 33.
Feb. 15, 1897. Alberta Lodge No. 37.

CERTIFICATES OF STANDING.

Since our last Annual Communication certificates of standing have been issued to the following brethren who were members of Pembina Lodge No. 20 at the date of revocation of Charter :

April 1st, 1887. William H. Thompson.
April 7th, 1897. Alexander Blain.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution I have to again report a list of the Lodges that have failed to comply with the laws in regard to transmitting the half-yearly report to this office within one week after the 24th of June and 27th of December. About

the usual number have delayed their returns, and in nearly all cases it is the same Lodges that are delinquent year after year. The percentage of correct returns is about the same as that of previous years.

I am pleased to again report that all returns have been received, and all dues and other indebtedness paid.

The following report on returns is submitted for the information of Grand Lodge:

Received on or before date required by Constitution: Nos. 1, 3, 6, 16, 30, 45.

Found correct in every particular: Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 23, 27, 32, 33, 36, 37, 40, 45, 46, 50, 54, 58, 63.

Worthy of special mention on account of neatness: Nos. 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 26, 27, 32, 33, 36, 37, 40, 43, 58, 61, 63.

Mistakes too numerous to mention in detail: Nos. 10, 13, 15, 25, 38, 44, 47, 48, 55, 57.

Reports work of previous half-year: Nos. 26, 29, 42, 56, 62.

Reports members as having attained a higher degree than reported heretofore without showing when advanced, Nos. 9, 34, 39, 51.

Omits names of members heretofore reported without evidence as to how they ceased to be members: Nos. 14, 24, 28, 44, 48, 64.

Reports officers in list of Master Masons: No. 24.

Omits age of Entered Apprentice: Nos. 2, 31.

Omits age of joining member: No. 16.

Omits name of Past Master, No. 30.

Omits name in full of joining member, No. 49.

Omits names of restored members from list of Master Masons: No. 30.

Signatures of W. M. and Secretary not affixed to report: No. 35.

Reports a suspended brother dimitted: No. 41.

Omits christian names of members: Nos. 7, 14, 43, 60.

Omits dates of suspension of members: No. 7.

Mistakes in surnames: No. 19.

Includes in list of officers and Master Masons name of a dimitted brother: Nos. 24, 29.

Reports in recapitulation four initiated but gives names of two only: No. 42.

Includes under "dimitted" name of a brother formerly suspended without evidence of restoration: No. 43.

Omits name, number and location of former Lodge of joining member: No. 53.

Reports under recapitulation member dimitted but omits date: No. 52.

STATISTICAL.

The result of the year's work shows a substantial gain in membership. It is most gratifying to report the small number of dimissions and suspensions for non-payment of dues during the year.

The following is a synopsis of the work done during the year 1896:

No. of members to 27th December, 1895		2439
Initiated	230	
Passed	230	
Raised	240	
Joined	107	
Restored	21	
		358
		2797
Dimitted	99	
Suspended N. P. D.	41	
Died	16	
Rejected	35	
		156
No. of members December 27th, 1896.		2641
Increase		202

FINANCIAL.

The statement of the financial transactions of this office shows a satisfactory increase of receipts during the year the total being $2828.26, or $332.33 in excess of the previous year, while several items in the current expenses are considerably less. When the books and accounts for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1896, were closed the amounts at the credit of the several accounts were as follows:

Current Account	$691 98
Special Account	352 29
Benevolent Account	81 16

The usual statement of receipts showing sources from whence derived, together with detailed statement of expenditure, have been printed, and a copy sent to each member of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received from January 1st to December 31st, 1896.

No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$158 55
2.	Lisgar	39 75
3.	Ancient Landmark	157 40
4.	St. John's	133 20
6.	Emerson	30 50
7.	Assiniboine	46 50
8.	King Solomon	48 75
9.	Oakland	49 45
10.	Northern Light	75 50
11.	Gladstone	15 00
12.	Stonewall	28 80
13.	Belmont	80 00
14.	Prince of Wales	35 00
15.	Corinthian	19 00
16.	Kinistino	33 00
19.	Brandon	84 50
23.	Wascana	33 75
24.	Neepawa	28 25
25.	Ionic	100 05
26.	Moose Jaw	31 50
27.	Glenwood	43 25
28.	Bow River	52 00
29.	Carberry	32 10
30.	Manitou	47 85
31.	Medicine Hat	33 70
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	34 20
33.	Indian Head	32 10
34.	Qu'Appelle	16 50
35.	Moosomin	56 75
36.	Doric	45 75
37.	Alberta	40 10
38.	Battle	20 25
39.	Birtle	36 60
40.	Deloraine	22 85
41.	North Star	35 00
42.	Cascade	37 85
43.	Lebanon	21 75
44.	Oak Lake	38 50
45.	Spitzie	28 50
46.	Wa-pan-an-ung	15 50
47.	Ashlar	27 50
48.	Glenboro	39 50
49.	Temple	25 35
50.	Killarney	35 50
51.	Treherne	14 75
52.	Hartney	36 60
53.	Edmonton	26 25
54.	Oriental	21 00
55.	East Star	29 75
56.	Maple Leaf	20 25
57.	Evening Star	48 40
58.	Innisfail	13 00
60.	Perfection	63 25
61.	N. W. M'ted Police	53 45
62.	Russell	66 10
63.	Holland	99 75
64.	Composite	96 15
	Eureka	25 00
	Acacia	25 00
From other sources as follows:—		
	Constitutions	4 05
	Certificates	2 00
	Blank Books and Forms	114 11
	Extinct Lodges	2 00
	Healing Fees	20 00
		$2828 26

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

Year ending December 31st, 1896.

Initiations	$ 454 00	Blank Books and Forms.	180 81
Dues	1256 25	Extinct Lodges	2 00
Certificates	484 00	Lodge Seals	21 00
Past Masters' Certificates	38 00	Healing Fees	20 00
Life Membership Certificates	6 00	By-Laws	13 00
Life Membership Fees	30 00	Charters	99 00
Constitutions	94 20		$ 2828 26
Dispensations	130 00		

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CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from January 1st to December 31st, 1896, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

DR.			CR.		
1896.			1896.		
Dec. 31.	To Receipts	$2828 26	May 14.	By Grand Treas.	$180 55
			June 27.	" "	220 10
			July 9.	" "	355 75
			July 30.	" "	365 80
			Aug. 31.	" "	109 93
			Oct. 13.	" "	104 75
			Nov. 13.	" "	55 95
			Dec. 12.	" "	145 85
			1897.		
			Jan. 6.	" "	335 85
			Jan. 18.	" "	413 50
			Feb. 5.	" "	265 35
			Feb. 25.	" "	233 73
			Mar. 8.	" "	41 15
		$2828 26			$2828 26

YEARLY STATEMENT.

DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$ 105 00
Charters	77 00
Certificates	408 78
Dues	1256 25
Initiations	454 00
Life Membership Fees	30 00
Life Membership Certificates	3 55
Extinct Lodges	2 00
By-Laws	9 05
Interest	22 74
Healing Fees	20 00
Lodge Seals	1 50
Past Masters' Certificates	24 98
Blank Books and Forms	101 30

LOSSES.

Constitutions	$ 30 77	
Expense	94 57	
Printing	296 20	
Books and Stationery	57 40	
Postage	136 73	
Rent	200 00	
Telegraphing	6 65	
Salaries	700 00	
Fixtures, 5 per cent depreciation	42 22	
Regalia, 5 per cent depreciation	9 75	
Insurance	32 35	
Benevolent Fund	25 00	
Special Grants	268 50	
Net Gain	616 01	
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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my Eleventh Annual Report as Librarian of the Grand Lodge.

The Library has been increased by a number of valuable books, including donations of Masonic and miscellaneous books, magazines and periodicals. Several volumes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies—which constitute a history of the Craft—have been bound and placed in the Library.

DONATIONS.

Donations have been made to the Library during the past year by distinguished brethren, and due acknowledgment with our thanks are hereby extended to

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara, Winnipeg.
" " " Charles N. Bell, Winnipeg.
" " " S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio.
" " " Daniel Spry, London, Ont.
R.·. " " Geo. B. Murphy, Moosomin, Assa.
" " " J. J. White, Winnipeg.
" " " H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, Louisville, Kentucky.
" " " Thomas Sargent, Toronto, Ont.
" " " Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.
" " " T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
" " " G. W. Barnard, Chicago, Ill.
" " " John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary, Hartford, Conn.
" " " Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary, Trenton, New Jersey.
" " " Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville, Florida.
" " " Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, London, Eng.
" " " Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Omaha, Nebraska.
" " " E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, New York,
" " " J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary, Bloomington, Ill.

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.
" " " W. G. Scott, Winnipeg.
" " " Will H. White, Montreal, P. Q.
V.·. " " W. J. Hughan, Torquay, England.
" " James A. Sutherland, Broadview, Assa.
" " John Chapman, London, England.
" J. D. Clark, Winnipeg.
" T. Hunter Boyd, Regina.
" J. B. Macleod, Winnipeg.
" Arch. McLaren, Winnipeg.
" John Kay, Keewatin, Ont.
" R. Percy Crookshank, Rapid City, Man.
" Allan Sutherland, Toronto, Ont.
" James A. Bell, Winnipeg.
" George Andrew, Winnipeg.
" S. T. Handscomb, Winnipeg.
" Fred Webber, Sec'y Supreme Council A. & A. S. R. Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.
" Alex. Ross, Winnipeg.

GIFTS BY NON-MASONS.

I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Maurice Dunsford, of Morden, Manitoba, and Mrs. F. W. Parkin, of Winnipeg, for the donation of a book each to the Library.

NUMBER OF BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

At the date of my last report the numerical catalogue showed 672 books—at the date of this report it shows 900 volumes, being an increase of 228 volumes, of which 82 have been acquired by purchase, 133 by donation and 13 taken from the library prior to the fire of 1894 and returned during the past year. Of the volumes donated 91 consists of Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies, bound at a cost of $1.00 per volume. The accounts for this work are set forth in the vouchers of the Grand Secretary's office.

MASONIC WORKS.

To this department there have been added during the year 133 volumes. Of this number 91 volumes consist of Proceedings as mentioned under the heading of "Number of books in Library." These are uniformly bound in leather.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Library is still in receipt of valuable publications from the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator, from Minnesota, which includes the "Congressional Record" containing the debates of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States. Special thanks are due to Hon. Mr. Nelson for the interest he has taken in our Library.

A large number of Government Reports relating to our own country, substantially bound, have been contributed by R.·. W.·. Bro. G. B. Murphy, of Moosomin.

CANADIAN DEPARTMENT.

Seven books on Canada, and others by Canadian authors have been secured during the past year. An effort is being made to secure all as they are issued. I would again urge the brethren of this jurisdiction, also authors and others, to assist us by donating books for this department.

Of the books not enumerated under the foregoing headings 86 consist of works of standard fiction, history, travel, biography, etc.

OTHER DONATIONS.

The following have also been received for which our thanks are tendered to the donors:

Bro. George Andrew, clock for reading room.

M.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, pike's head in use by the forces under Lord Selkirk at Fort William in 1816 while en route to Red River after the battle of Seven Oaks.

M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, sprig of acacia from the Holy Land.

Bro. J. B. Young, Portage la Prairie, Masonic jewel, found in the ruins of a burnt residence in the South during the rebellion.

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. J. White, Winnipeg, Natural History specimen.

W.·. Bro. J. A. Sutherland, Broadview, Assa., deer's head.

EXPENDITURE.

The balance at the credit of the Library Account as reported last year, $212.73, has been expended. Of the $200.00 voted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge $79.62 has been expended leaving a balance of $120.38. This sum will be required to meet demands for books ordered and for work now in the hands of the binders.

BINDING.

A large number of Proceedings of Grand Bodies, mazagines and periodicals have been laid aside for binding, awaiting a special appropriation for this purpose.

READING ROOM.

The Reading Room in connection with the Library was opened on June 2nd, 1896, for the use of the fraternity. The funds necessary to sustain it during the first year were contributed by the members of the city lodges, but owing to the depleted state of the treasury of three of the lodges only $32.50 so far is available for renewing subscriptions to periodicals and newspapers.

As the Reading Room is for the use and benefit of each member of the Craft it will be necessary for Grand Lodge to decide if it is expedient to supplement this amount in order that a complete assortment of this class of literature may be at the disposal of the Craft.

THANKS TO PUBLISHERS.

The following newspapers, Masonic magazines and periodicals are regularly received, and for which our thanks are again tendered to the publishers:

"Telegram," Toronto, daily edition.
"Manitoba Free Press," Winnipeg, daily edition.
"Tribune," Winnipeg, "
"Nor-Wester," Winnipeg, "
"Courier," Perth, Ontario, weekly edition.
"Review," Rat Portage, Ont., weekly edition.
"Western World," Winnipeg, monthly edition.
"Silent Echo," Winnipeg, "
"Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Ill.
"American Tyler," Chicago, Ill.
"Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
"Trestle Board, San Francisco, Cal.
"Masonic Chronicle," New York.
"Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"Masonic Token," Portland, Maine.
"Kansas Freemason, Wichita, Kansas.
"The Freemason," Toronto, Ont.
"The Canadian Craftsman. Toronto, Ont.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Report of the Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

It having been reported to the Grand Lodge that M.·. W.·. Bro. James F. Lawless, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was in waiting, M.·.W.·. Bros. William G. Bell and Thomas Tweed were appointed a committee to introduce the distinguished visitor.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master, in welcoming M.·. W.·. Bro. Lawless addressed him as follows :

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you on your own account, for you are held in the highest esteem wherever you are known, and it is also pleasant to welcome you as the representative of a sister Grand Lodge, which in days gone by has acted in a more than fraternal spirit towards the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and that at a time when such kindnesses and courtesies were much needed. The relations between the two Grand Lodges have always been of the most cordial character, and never more so than at the present time. You are known as a brother of whom Masonry may well be proud, and it is a great pleasure to us all to welcome you here to-day.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Lawless, in acknowledging the reception accorded him by the members of Grand Lodge, said:

I fully appreciate your great kindness as individual Masons, and as a Grand Lodge in its corporate capacity. When I have recovered from the pleasant surprise which has taken possession of me on entering this beautiful Lodge room, I will endeavor to say something to the brethren. In the meantime I will content myself with saying that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, of which I have had the honor to be Grand Master, entertains the warmest feelings of brotherly regard for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and esteems it a great privilege to have been permitted from time to time to show its fraternal regard in a practical manner. The line which separates the United States from Canada is, after all, but an imaginary line. We, in Minnesota, are very proud of the development which has taken place in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba since the days when the Grand Lodge of Minnesota had been of a little service to this Province, and they have on more than one occasion recorded their pleasure. Long may the two Grand Lodges continue to cherish the same warm feelings towards each other, long may they strive to work for the glory and welfare of the grandest institution that has arisen to bless the people of the earth.

PRESENTATION TO M.·. W.·. BRO. CHARLES N. BELL.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain collar. In presenting the testimonial the Grand Master spoke as follows :

It affords me intense pleasure to invest M.·. W.·. Bro. Bell with this honor. I might say to him as I have said to others to-day, that I myself have received from M.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell a vast amount of most valuable Masonic instruction. From his lectures I received my first glimmerings of Masonic light. No brother has done more to disseminate among his brethren the beauty and true inwardness of Freemasonry than Bro. C. N. Bell. The only pity is that there are so few like him. He is doing a glorious work for the craft in preparing others to fill the place which he has so ably filled. In fact I look upon him as the Masonic encyclopaedia of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Bell, after being invested with the collar, said :

I, unlike some of the other brethren, am not Irish, and so have the misfortune to lack the ready flow of eloquence which characterizes the sons of the Emerald Isle. I will not take up the time of the Grand Lodge with a lengthy speech, but would simply thank the brethren for the honor done me. To wear the collar of a Past Grand Master was in itself a sufficient reward to any one who had tried worthily to fill the chair in the Grand East. I trust I shall ever prove worthy of the collar, and ever show myself a true and faithful Mason.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows :

At the regular meeting held on the sixth day of July, A.D. 1886, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson was elected President, and V.·. W.·.

Bro. H. J. Eberts, Vice-President. At the same meeting the various committees were elected and appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, a suitable testimonial has been prepared for presentation to Most Worshipful Brother C. N. Bell, and your Board recommends that the same be presented to him at this Communication.

The funds at the disposal of your Board did not warrant the expense of obtaining portraits of deceased Past Grand Masters, and clothing for Grand Officers, but it is hoped that the same can be obtained within the next year or two.

A further report on the Regalia adopted by Lodges will be presented for your consideration. This matter was laid over from the last Communication for a further report.

It is with great regret that your Board has to announce the death of Most Worshipful Brother John Headley Bell, Past Grand Master, of this Grand Lodge. He filled the distinguished position of Grand Master for five years, was Grand Secretary for the years 1875 to 1879 and was an active an energetic worker in the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction. Your Board felt it was in keeping with the dignity of his position, and the interests of the Craft to tender his family a Masonic funeral. This was accepted, and our deceased and distinguished brother was buried with Masonic honors at Kildonan cemetery.

As there would not be time to properly prepare and engross an address of congratulation to Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen, on the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the sixtieth year of her reign, your Board appointed a committee to draft an address. The same has been engrossed and is ready to be signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and will be forwarded at once.

During the past year certain lectures were held with the object of procuring certain furniture for the Library. Unfortunately the proceeds of the lectures did not realize as much as was anticipated, and there is a deficit of $75.00 on account of the photographic cabinet, and the paper files and tables. As these are necessary for the proper furnishing of the room your Board recommends that the sum of $75.00 be paid.

Your Board has considered and adopted the reports of the several committees.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire at this session of the Grand Lodge, namely :

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris,	R.·. W.·. Bro. F. L. Newman,
" " " J. J. White,	" " " G. W. Baker,
V.·. " " T. W. Taylor,	V.·. " " J. M. O'Loughlin,
" " " W. E. Hazley,	" " " J. O. Smith.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,

President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had under consideration the following matters referred to it, and respectfully recommends thereon as follows :

Your Committee has considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution and finds nothing at variance with Masonic law and usage therein.

No appeals have been presented to your Committee for adjudication, from which we draw the conclusion that peace and harmony prevails in all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has considered the decisions made by the Grand Master and find the same in accordance with Masonic usage. In regard

to the recommendation of the Grand Master for a federation of the Grand Lodges in Canada, your Committee is of the opinion that the time has not yet arrived to take such action and they believe that the best interests of Masonry will be promoted by confining the energies of the brethren in the existing Grand Lodge jurisdictions to their several Grand Bodies.

Your Committee, to which was referred that portion of the report of R.·. W.·. Bro. J. K. Patton, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 5, relating to his ruling "that a brother on making application for affiliation to a Lodge in this jurisdiction must terminate his membership in the Lodge of which he was previously a member in another jurisdiction," desires to point out that while the Constitution of the Grand Lodge does not permit dual membership in this jurisdiction it does not prohibit brethren from being members of Lodges in other jurisdictions while a member of a Lodge here.

Referring to the ruling of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. G. Mathews, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10, that the presence of seven brethren was not necessary to open and conduct business in a York Rite Lodge, your Committee would refer to the ruling of Grand Master M.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, that it is the intention of the Constitution that seven Master Masons should be present to open a Lodge. The Constitution provides that upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons a dispensation may be granted, and clearly intends that there must be that number to constitute a quorum.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,

Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3) seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John O. Smith (1), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers, from the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the following report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry in this jurisdiction beg to report as follows:

Your Committee regret exceedingly the absence through illness of V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, Chairman of the Committee, whose able assistance has been much missed, and extend to him our warmest sympathy and cherish the hope that he may soon be restored to his usual health and enabled to resume his labors among the Craft.

Your Committee has examined those portions of the address of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master which were referred to this Committee and the reports of the D.D.G.M's for Districts No.'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and find therefrom that the improved tone pervading the majority of the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge referred to in previous reports of this Committee still continues and with increasing force.

The suggestions of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master as to the holding of Lodges of Instruction appear to have been promptly acted upon by the various District Deputy Grand Masters and such action as recorded in their several reports must be productive of great good, as while giving to all in attendance at such meetings a clearer insight into the meaning of our symbolism will tend to a much desired result: more perfect uniformity in the work of the various Lodges, and truer conception of the aims and objects of our Art. May the good work continue and the brighter, abler minds in the Order assist with their knowledge and ability.

Your Committee notes the remarks of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master relating to the more careful and guarded use of the ballot and his quotations thereon. Your Committee coincide therewith and are of the opinion that the time has arrived when our Lodges should be self-sustaining without having to depend on the continual additions to their membership to keep a balance on the right side in the treasury; or to

be more explicit the receipts from dues should be more than sufficient in most cases to pay all necessary expenses of the Lodge, and if requisite to secure this an increase in the annual dues would be desirable.

The majority of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were in the hands of the Committee in sufficient time to permit a careful perusal and we are pleased to note this compliance with the Constitution.

Coming as these reports do from every part of our large jurisdiction they assure us that, generally, Freemasonry is in a prosperous condition.

Several of the District Deputy Grand Masters report here and there a Lodge that is not in as healthy a condition as your Committee would desire, and we would recommend such to the careful attention of their sucessors while to the W. Ms. and brethren of these Lodges we would recommend greater efforts to revive the interest in and raise the tone of Masonry in their several jurisdictions and in Lodges where the harmony of the brethren has been disturbed by extraneous influences. Your Committee would commend a careful study of the remarks of R.·. W.·. Bro. J. A. Logan, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as quoted in the address of our M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

Greater attention appears to be paid to the laws laid down in our Constitution while the growing tendency to endeavor to attain a higher plane of moral and masonic excellence is readily seen and must in time be conducive of very beneficial results to our Order.

The statistical reports with the exception of that from District No. One are very complete and convey a clear indication of the numerical increase and financial standing of each lodge.

A number of lodges, we observe, still neglect to safeguard their lodge property by having same insured against loss by fire. The W. Ms. of these lodges should promptly attend to this oft repeated warning.

Your Committee note with pleasure the increasing number of Lodges that own their lodge rooms and that several of them are free of debt and in some cases are a source of revenue.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN CHAMBERS,

Acting Chairman.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers, (3) seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (10), the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

RERORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to which was referred that portion of the address of M.·.W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, referred to your Committee last year, referring to "Intercourse with Foreign Grand Lodges" respectfully report that during the past it has endeavored to obtain full particulars regarding the status of Grand Lodges of Symbolic Masonry with which this Grand Lodge has not yet entered into fraternal relations. From the evidence which has been obtained regarding the standing of these bodies your Committee would recommend that this Grand Lodge enter into correspondence with such of the Grand Lodges as may be, in its opinion, desirable with a view to establishing closer fraternal relations.

Referring to that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master relating to a Report of Foreign Correspondence and review of the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, your Committee heartily concur in the views therein expressed and would recommend that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for the ensuing year, be requested to arrange for such a report to be presented at the next session of Grand Lodge and that the same be printed—as an appendix to the Proceedings. Your Committee also recommend that the necessary expenditure be authorized.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R.·.W.·. Bro, John Leslie, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Finance fraternally reports that during the year 1896 it authorized payment of the accounts as presented by the Grand Secretary in the summary submitted by him, which has been audited by the Grand Lodge auditors.

We find the financial condition of the Grand Lodge on the 31st Dec., 1896, to be as follows :

Current Account...	$691 98	
Special Account	352 29	
Benevolent Account	81 16	
Making the total available assets at that date...		$1125 43

Against this sum there were no unpaid demands.

Your Committee recommend that appropriations be made for the following items, and that orders be drawn on the Treasurer for the amounts :

Services of Grand Tyler and Assistant $15 00	
Committee on Credentials 75 00	

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. WINDATT,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. John W. Harris (4), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Donald MacLean (49), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the following report :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation begs leave to report that it has examined the books and Petitions for Charters, as required by the Constitution of the following Lodges :

EUREKA LODGE, LACOMBE, DISTRICT NUMBER 9.

Dispensation issued 27th August, 1896, instituted September 16th, 1896, has held ten regular meetings, and six emergent meetings, initiated four, passed four, raised four. Total membership at date of this report, fifteen. Balance on hand, $51. No debt ; has the usual books ; returns correct.

The minutes of this Lodge reflect great credit on the officers, and show an earnest desire to uphold a high standard, not only of the work of the Lodge, but also of the brethren introduced into Freemasonry under its auspices. The minutes are carefully and neatly written. The Lodge has been somewhat unfortunate with some of its officers that were appointed under the dispensation, who could not continue to serve to carry out the duties of their position, and had to resign. Steps were then taken to elect successors. It would be a mistake for the impression to be created that a Lodge had the right to elect a successor to a brother who vacated his particular chair or office. While the Lodge is under dispensation it is merely the creature of the Grand Master, and the power of making any appointment or of making any changes in such appointments rests solely with the Grand Master. The Secretary of the Lodge resigned at a meeting held on the 7th May, 1897, and a committee was appointed to enquire into the case and report at the next regular meeting. No regular meeting has been held since that date, and there has been no report by such commitee, nor has a Secretary been appointed to fill the vacancy. The petition for charter is signed by Brother E. J. Rearie as Secretary pro tem.

ACACIA LODGE, SOUTH EDMONTON, DISTRICT NUMBER 9.

Dispensation issued December 22nd, 1896. Instituted January 28th, 1897. Held five regular meetings and six emergent meetings. Initiat- eight, passed four, raised four. Total membership at date of this report, eighteen. Balance on hand, $154 ; no debt ; has the usual books ; returns correct.

The work of this Lodge reflects great credit on the officers. The minutes show that care and attention has been exercised, not only in the work of the Lodge, but also in keeping a correct record of its proceedings. We note with pleasure that a committee was appointed to enquire carefully into the character of a brother before initiation, thereby evidencing the desire on the part of this new Lodge to be careful to admit into the Order only good material.

RED DEER LODGE, DISTRICT OF ALBERTA, NUMBER 9.

Dispensation granted on the 15th June, 1894. Instituted 23rd June, 1894. Continued 10th October, 1895, and further continued on the 10th day of June, 1896.

This Lodge has been very unfortunate since its inception. There does not appear to have been a sufficient number of members at Red Deer, so as to make a strong and healthy Lodge. During the past year we understand it had been the intention of Worshipful Brother C. P. Gee to try and put the Lodge into a flourishing state, but it does not appear that he has received that support which was necessary to make his efforts successful, and the Lodge has not held any regular meetings. The history of the Lodge has shown that there is not a sufficient demand for a Lodge in that locality.

Your Committee would recommend that Charters be granted to the following Lodges :

Alberta, Eureka, Number 65, Lacombe, District Number 9.
Acacia, No. 66, South Edmonton, District Number 9.

Your Committee would also recommend that the dispensation of Red Deer Lodge be not continued, and that the books, etc., be returned to the Grand Secretary's office.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MONEY GRANTS.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution the following notice of motion providing for money grants was given, to be introduced at the sessions of the Grand Lodge to be held on June 10th.

By M.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3)

Library	$ 200 00
Printing Proceedings	225 00

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at 11.15 o'clock p.m., until Thursday, June 10th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, June 10th, A.D. 1897, A.L. 5897, at 10.15 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

WEARING MASONIC REGALIA ON PUBLIC OCCASIONS.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John D. Higinbotham (41),

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the only public occasions on which Masonic regalia should be worn are funeral, church services and laying of corner stones.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Francis G. Lewin (35), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang (26),

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that no restrictions should be placed upon the exercise by the Grand Master of his prerogative to grant dispensations to wear regalia on public occasions.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "carried."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John W. Harris, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, begs leave to report thereon:

That it has referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence those portions referring to "The Grand Orient of France" and "Foreign Correspondence."

That it has referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry that portion relating to "Lodges of Instruction."

That it has referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Charity those portions relating to the establishment of a Masonic Home, the

contribution to the fund to relieve the distress caused by the famine in India, and the Freemason's Hospital, Morden.

That it has referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence those portions relating to "Federation," "Wearing Regalia," "Decisions" and "Dispensations."

Your Committee feels that there can be no difference of opinion among worthy members of the Craft in endorsing to the fullest possible limit the sentiments of loyalty and devotion to the Queen so ably set forth in the address. Bound as we are by fraternal ties to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—who has always taken a deep interest in Masonry—members of the Craft throughout the world but more especially those living under the protection of the British flag can with pleasure and propriety evince much more than the ordinary amount of interest in the celebration of this Diamond Jubilee year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

Your Committee are satisfied that the Grand Lodge will appreciate the efforts of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to visit as many as possible of the Lodges in the jurisdiction and congratulate him on the able and valuable addresses delivered on many occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

C. N. BELL,
J. W. HARRIS,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
} *Committee.*

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. W. Harris (4), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black, from the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Grand Secretary beg leave to report that we find the report exhaustive, intelligent and evidencing a very great deal of labor on the part of that painstaking officer. We are pleased to note that the irregularities complained of by the Grand Secretary in former years are, to some extent, disappearing, and trust that in future there will be no complaints of like nature. We are pleased to notice that the membership throughout the jurisdiction is increasing, and express the hope that the quality may be of the same high standard of previous years.

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES A. CARLEY,
J. J. WHITE,
J. T. BLACK,
W. E. HAZLEY,
} *Committee.*

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library presented the following Report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee is pleased to notice that the Library continues to be increased by donations from Masonic and other friends.

The wide interest taken in our Library is shown by the fact that its benefactors hail from both England and the United States, as well as from the Grand Jurisdictions of our own Dominion.

We are pleased to note the steady growth of the library, amounting this year to over twenty-five per cent.

The Congressional reports so kindly contributed by the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator, will no doubt prove to be of great interest, dealing as they do with well nigh every subject which touches that progress, life and civilization, which as members of the Anglo-Saxon race we share with our brethren across the line.

The true Mason is always a devoted citizen and therefore deeply interested in all questions affecting the advantage of his country. In this light the contribution of R.·. W.·. Bro. Murphy, of Moosomin, will have great value in the eyes of all the members of our Craft in this Jurisdiction.

From this same standpoint, of the essential patriotism of every Freemason, we heartily commend the action of the Librarian in purchasing for our library works on Canada. Especially do we approve of the purchase of good works by Canadian authors. We know of no better way of developing a true national spirit than by the encouraging, not only of the buying but also of the reading of a native literature. The more intelligent the air around it, the brighter will burn the flame; and the more we surround Canadian authorship with the stimulating atmosphere of intelligent appreciation the more brightly will burn those vestal fires of literary genius which are well nigh creative foetus in the truest progress of a nation.

In regard to the works of fiction purchased during the past year, we would note that their well nigh continuous absence from the library shelves seems to justify the wisdom of their selection.

While the Reading Room is no doubt a great pleasure and convenience to visiting brethren from the various parts of this Grand Jurisdiction, it is yet of more immediate benefit to the members of the Craft in Winnipeg. We therefore hope that the lodges of the city may see their way to again meet the subscriptions to the necessary magazines and illustrated papers.

Your Committee would recommend that an appropriation be made for the purchase of books, binding etc.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA,
WILLARD C. COPELAND,
J. J. WHITE,
} *Committee.*

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGALIA OF LODGES.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, from the Special Committee on Regalia of Lodges, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The Committee appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to report on the character of the regalia adopted by the various Lodges, subject to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, begs leave to report as follows:

A circular was addressed by your Committee to each Lodge, enquiring the nature of the regalia adopted and in use, and if the same were different from that authorized by the Consitution, to state the authority under which the Lodge acquired the right to have regalia different to that authorized by the Constitution.

Replies have been received from all the Lodges except King Solomon Number 8, Corinthian Number 15, Ionic Number 25, Alberta Number 37.

All the Lodges use the regalia authorized by Section 127 of the Constitution except Prince Rupert's Number 1, Ancient Landmark Number 3, St. John's Number 4, Assiniboine Number 7, Northern Light Number 10, Gladstone Number 11, Neepawa Number 24, Medicine Hat Number 32, Doric Number 36, Killarney Number 50.

Your Committee would recommend that the Committee on Regalia be continued in order that communications may be had with the various Lodges to carefully ascertain their right to have adopted and to continue to use, a regalia different from that authorized by the Constitution in force at the time the charter to the Lodge was granted. It would also recommend that in the event of it being found that the regalia used by a Lodge differed from that authorized by the Constitu-

tion then in force that such Lodge should be advised not to purchase any more regalia of the existing character, but to conform to the provisions of the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,

Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the report of the Special Committee on regalia of Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity presented the following report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity respectfully report that they have taken into consideration that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to matters naturally coming within their jurisdiction and desire to assure the members of the Grand Lodge of their hearty and cordial sympathy with the sentiments so warmly and earnestly expressed. Your Committee fully agree in every respect with the Grand Master's views upon the subject of philanthropic and charitable work, and recognize the grave responsibility resting upon Masons in dealing with this question, which is so distinctly associated with the fundamental principles of our Order. While appreciating and congratulating the Grand Master upon the forcible exposition of his plan for the alleviation of brother Masons who are sinking into the sere and yellow leaf of old age, and for those, who by circumstances of unforeseen misfortunes and calamity, are reduced to poverty and despair, and agreeing most heartily, theoretically, with any plan that will have for its object this

laudable charity, it is with all the more regret that your Committee is forced to the conclusion that the specific recommendations contained in the address do not meet with their endorsement.

Masonry in this country has not closed its eyes to charity in a general way and evidences are not wanting that brethren have put into practice the principles they so admire, but it is to be hoped the day is not far distant when a substantial system based upon the lines suggested by the Grand Master will be established.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the financial condition of Masonry in this country will not warrant the introduction of an elaborate scheme of charity. When Lodges are almost baffled in meeting the present demands, your Committee is loath to look with favor upon any plan or scheme whereby their financial obligations are to be increased permanently.

Your Committee note with pleasure the Grand Master's remarks upon the part taken by Masons in contributing to the India Famine Fund. As stated by him, it is a matter of congratulation that the Masons of this country have demonstrated to the world their sympathy for suffering humanity, and illustrated so well those principles inculcated in the teachings of our Order.

Your Committee have also taken into consideration that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to the erection of the Freemason's Hospital at Morden. It is impossible not to feel a thrill of Masonic fervor and delight at having presented before us so practical and living a testimony of the desire of the Masons in the Morden district to procure some tangible evidence that the teachings of our Order were with them no idle boast. Through their efforts no less a sum than $8000.00 was procured entirely from Masons for the building and erection of this hospital, an institution devoted to the alleviation of the sufferings of mankind.

While Masons were instrumental in the erection of this building yet with that catholicity of feeling, so well in keeping with the teachings of the Order, the Hospital is free to all comers, and no special privileges are retained for Freemasons. We tender our hearty congratulations to those who have been instrumental in erecting this monument to the principles of masonic teachings, and especially to our Grand Master, whom we know was the chief leader among his brethren in the noble cause, as has been well said "no man seeking his own, but each his neighbour's good." We are glad to see that the institution is in a good financial position, and we sincerely hope that it will always

continue to be so, and never lack the means of ministering to the wants of the sick and needy.

It is a matter of regret that the contributions made by all Masons do not appear in the official report of the Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee have had under careful consideration the proposal of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in regard to reciprocal Masonic Charity. They cannot advise this Grand Lodge to fall in with those suggestions, and that for the following reasons :

1. The proposal suggests that this Grand Lodge be drawn upon for absolute necessaries, but there is no definition of what absolute necessaries might be understood to mean ; on this point there might be very considerable divergence of view between the Lodge administering the charity and the Grand Lodge paying for it.

2. It seems an unwise and quite unbusinesslike proceeding for any public body, administering what are practically trust funds, to give what would amount to a blank cheque to be filled up by another body over whose action it has no sort of control.

3. Your Committee feels that with the necessarily limited resources of a Grand Lodge numerically so small as ours, it would be specially unwise for us to take any action in this direction, or in any way to connect ourselves to a scheme whose possibilities of expense are entirely unknown to us.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. O'LOUGHLIN,

Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), the Report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee as follows:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of Grand Lodge kept by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find the same to be correct. We find that the sum of $80.87 was drawn from Special Account and placed to credit of General Account in 1895. We also find that in 1896 the sum of $419.13 was drawn from this account and placed to the credit of General Account making a total of $500.00 owing to Special Account at the end of 1896.

According to the books, the following are the balances at the credit of the several bank accounts of the Grand Lodge at the end of 1896.

General Account (Current)	$ 691 98
Special Account	352 29
Benevolent Account	81 16
Library Account	212 73
	$ 1338 16

We have compared the returns of the various constituent Lodges with the Cash Book and Receipt Book and find the same to be correct. We have verified all payments and certify that the same are properly vouched and agree with the cheques drawn.

We beg to report that the books are neatly kept and that we received every assistance from the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

J. THOMPSON BLACK,
JOHN CHAMBERS, } *Auditors.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), the report of the Committee, was received and adopted.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William J. Garton (6), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and North-Western Railway Co., and the Northern Pacific Railway Co., for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members, and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE No. 3.

A letter was read from R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers, Secretary of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, Winnipeg, tendering the Grand Officers the use of its regalia.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. James S. Greig (14), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.·. W.·. BROTHER CORBET LOCKE.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him for travelling and other expenses during his term of office.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of Officers would take place to-day (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m., until to-day (Thursday) at 2 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 10th, A.D. 1897, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, from the Grand Lodge of England.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, from the Grand Lodge of Utah.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James Duncan Baine, from the Grand Lodge of Florida.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 57 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; 21 Lodges are represented by duly qualified officers; 22 Lodges are represented by proxy, and 14 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 71 duly qualified Past Masters, and with Representatives a total vote of 203. Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:

1	Prince Rupert's	W.·. Bro. Duncan W. McDermid,	W. Master.
		Bro. T. Harry Webb,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Robert Muir,	J. Warden.
2	Lisgar,	Bro. Robert Rennie,	W. Master.
3	Ancient Landmark,	W.·. Bro. Charles Henry Enderton,	W. Master.
		Bro. John Thomson,	S. Warden.
		Bro. David McIntosh,	J, Warden.
4	St. John's,	W.·. Bro. Humphrey Hart,	W. Master.
		Bro. Angus Grant,	S. Warden.
6	Emerson,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William J. Garton,	Proxy.

7	Assiniboine,	W.·.	Bro. Leslie Remey,	W. Master.
8	King Solomon,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Henry Robert Whitworth,	Proxy.
9	Oakland,	M.·. W.·.	Bro. Charles Napier Bell,	Proxy.
10	Northern Light,		Bro. Edmund King Beeston,	S. Warden.
11	Gladstone,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. John Chambers,	Proxy.
12	Stonewall,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Goulding,	W. Master.
14	Prince of Wales,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Robert Hill Myers,	Proxy.
15	Corinthian,		Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm,	S. Warden.
16	Kinistino,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. William Edward Hazley,	Proxy.
19	Brandon,	W.·.	Bro. Logan Murray More,	W. Master.
			Bro. John S. Brayfield,	S. Warden.
24	Neepawa,	W.·.	Bro. Alexander Lowe,	W. Master.
25	Ionic,		Bro. Francis James Burd,	S. Warden.
			Bro. Herbert Radford,	J. Warden.
26	Moosejaw,	W.·.	Bro. William Alex. Burton,	W. Master.
27	Glenwood,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Ainslie Lunham Young,	Proxy.
29	Carberry,	W.·.	Bro. Arthur Mack,	W. Master.
30	Manitou,		Bro. John Phelan,	S. Warden.
31	Medicine Hat,	M.·. W.·.	Bro. Thomas Tweed,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	W.·.	Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin,	Proxy.
36	Doric,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. James Duncan Baine,	Proxy.
38	Battle,	M.·. W.·.	Bro. William George Bell,	Proxy.
39	Birtle,		Bro. Robert Frew,	S. Warden.
40	Deloraine,	W.·.	Bro. George Paterson,	W. Master.
			Bro. William Richard David,	S. Warden.
41	North Star,		Bro. Robert Sage,	S. Warden.
43	Lebanon,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Henry James Pugh,	Proxy.
44	Oak Lake,	W.·.	Bro. Robert Neill.	W. Master.
45	Spitzie,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
49	Temple,	W.·.	Bro. James Hay,	W. Master.
51	Treherne,	W.·.	Bro. Rev. Horace D. Cooper,	Proxy.
53	Edmonton,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Charles W. Sutter,	Proxy.
54	Oriental,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. James Edwin Maynard,	Proxy.
57	Evening Star,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Hamilton Lang,	Proxy.
58	Innisfail,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. William Crawford,	Proxy.
60	Perfection,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. Thomas Frederick English,	Proxy.
61	North West Mounted Police,	V.·. W.·.	Bro. Thomas W. Taylor,	Proxy.
62	Russell,	R.·. W.·.	Bro. John Killops Patton,	Proxy.
63	Holland,	W.·.	Bro. Rev. Horace D. Cooper,	W. Master.

64 Composite,	W.·. Bro. William Fenwick,	W. Master.
	Bro. Albert Fenwick,	S. Warden.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,

Chairman.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. William E. Hazley (3), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers: M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (15), R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William J. Garton (6), and W.·. Bro. Andrew J. Little (361, G. R. C.) when the election proceeded with the following results :

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), Winnipeg, Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), Moosomin, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton (6), Emerson, Grand Senior Warden.
V.·. W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31), Medicine Hat, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
V.·. W.·. Bro, John Obed Smith (1), Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), Rapid City, Grand Chaplain.
And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :

V.·. W.·. Bro. David Henry McFadden (6), Emerson, District No. 1.
W.·· Bro. John James McFadden (24), Neepawa, District No. 2.
W.·. Bro. Wilson C. Hicks (51), Treherne, District No. 3.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40), Deloraine, District No. 4.
W.·. Bro. Robert Madden (15), Rapid City, District No. 5.
W.·. Bro. Daniel Colin McLellan (16), Prince Albert District No. 6.
W.·. Bro. George Albert Coulter (52), Hartney District No. 7.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin (35), Moosomin, District No. 8.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter (53), Edmonton, District No. 9.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John David Higinbotham (41), Lethbridge District No. 10.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of two years :

R.·. W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10), Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. James Johnson White (25), Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin (10), Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas William Taylor (4), Winnipeg.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith (1), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Duncan Windell McDermid (1), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. Charles Henry Enderton (3), Winnipeg.

and V.·. W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley (3), Winnipeg, for the term of one year to fill the unexpired term of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10),elected Grand Master.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

W.·. Bro. Robert N. Wilson (37), Macleod, Grand Senior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. William A. Burton (26), Moose Jaw, Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. R. H. Myers (14) Minnedosa, Grand Dir. of Ceremon's.
Bro. Lawrence Henry J. Minchin (10), Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
W.·. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Charles Henry Enderton (3), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Isaac Stephen Gerow Van Wart (60), Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Harry H. Campkin (33), Indian Head, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Leslie Remey (7), Portage la Prairie, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Lindsay (12), Stonewall, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Robert Wynn (58), Innisfail, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor (53), Edmonton, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. James Nicoll (45), Pincher Creek, Grand Pursuivant.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.15 o'clock p.m., until 8 o'clock p.m.

SECOND—DAY EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 10th, A.D. 1897, A.L. 5897, at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

MASONIC HOME.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10).

That a special appropriation be set aside for the establishment of a Masonic Home or Hospital to be known as the "Victoria Jubilee Home," and the Board of General Purposes be instructed to consider carefully plans for the consummation for this work and report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

In amendment it was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3),

That the motion for the establishment of a Masonic Home—with which this Grand Lodge is in full sympathy—be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report upon some definite scheme at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "carried."

COMMITTEE TO REVISE CONSTITUTION.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), the Grand Master was requested to appoint a committee of three brethren to revise the Constitution.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William J. Garton (6), the Rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in

accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master, conferred on the following brethren :

R.·. W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10), Winnipeg.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Donald MacLean (49), McGregor.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Martin Skolrood (48), Glenboro.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Sutherland McKay (36), Boissevain.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John Killops Patton (14), Minnedosa.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph Marshall Coombs (16), Prince Albert.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Ainslie Lunham Young (27), Souris.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang (26), Moose Jaw.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter (53), Edmonton.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Gordon Mathews (37), Macleod.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John D. Higinbotham (41),

Section 29 of the Constitution was amended by expunging the words "and inserted in the summons for that Communication," in the sixth line and inserting the following "and a copy of the proposed alteration or amendment sent to each Lodge."

MOTIONS TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), on behalf of V.·. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by W.·. Bro. George Paterson (40),

That Section 202 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following ; "No Lodge shall be opened in any degree unless seven Master Masons be present nor shall any business be transacted except conferring degrees unless there be present seven members of the Lodge."

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. A. L. Young (27),

That the words "nor any degree conferred" be added after the word "degree" in the first line and that the words "except conferring degree" in the second line be struck out.

The amendment and the motion were put to Grand Lodge and both declared "lost."

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. John M. McGuirl (35), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31),

That mileage be allowed to one member from each Lodge (outside the City or Town where Grand Lodge is held) while attending Grand Lodge, and that a per capita tax be placed on each member sufficient for Grand Lodge to meet the expenses, the amount of such mileage and per capita tax to be determined by Grand Lodge.

In amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. R. H. Myers (14),

That the question of allowing mileage to delegates when attending Grand Lodge be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report upon at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. A. H. Van Etten (3), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35),

That a special per capita tax of twenty-five cents per member be levied upon all Lodges in the jurisdiction and the amount thus raised be applied pro rata in payment of travelling evpenses incurred by delegates—not exceeding one from each Lodge—attending Grand Lodge.

The amendment to the amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

The amendment was then put to Grand Lodge and declared "carried."

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (10), seconded by

That Section 122 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "Fifty" in the last line and inserting the words "Seventy-five."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost."

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The following places were named at which to hold the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge:

By M.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), and M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1),

The Village of Battleford.

By R.·.W.·. Bro. John D. Higinbotham (41), and R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas F. English (60),

The City of Regina.

By R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas F. English (60), and R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles W. Sutter (53),

The City of Calgary.

Subsequently it was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. R. H. Myers (14), and

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Winnipeg.

REPORT ON MILEAGE TO DELEGATES TO BE PRINTED.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), the Board of General Purposes was instructed to have printed its report, relative to mileage to delegates attending Grand Lodge and that one copy be sent to each Lodge in the jurisdiction and one to each member of Grand Lodge at least two months before the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D., Past Grand Master, read the Address of Congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen as follows :

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, QUEEN, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, EMPRESS OF INDIA, ETC.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS MAJESTY :

We, your Most Gracious Majesty's loyal subjects, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, voicing the sentiments of the Free Masons in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories of the Dominion of Canada, beg to offer our heartfelt congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary of your august reign.

We are deeply sensible that the principles of our Order—"Relief and Truth," have ever found a noble exponent in the person of Your Gracious Majesty, through the tender solicitude you have always shewn for the welfare, happiness and advancement of your faithful subjects. During no period of the world's history, or of the reign of any monarch has our beloved order made such marked progress as since Your Majesty ascended the throne, and we attribute this largely to the noble

example and lofty sense of duty which you have always exhibited as a pattern for the imitation of all true Free Masons.

Dear are our principles, yet there is none more sacred than the hold which Your Majesty has over our hearts, wherein the fair image of our Queen is enshrined as the type, pledge and symbol of the unity of the British race, and of the characteristics and institutions which have given it so predominant a position in the affairs of the world. We feel that the present and future generations will ever regard Your Majesty's name and reign as a great and glorious heritage for all the time to come, and we can only hope that we will ever remain faithful guardians of the noble Empire which has been extended to every quarter of the globe during your beneficent occupancy of the throne.

We desire to express to Your Majesty our deep sense of the noble work achieved for our Masonic Order, and therefore in some sense for humanity at large, by the devotion to the interests of our Craft which has been ever shewn by Your Majesty's illustrious son, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to say to you how it has been no small delight to us in this somewhat remote corner of Your Majesty's world-wide Empire to have as so eminent and worthy an exponent of the principles of Freemasonry, one so closely related to our Queen, devotion to whose throne and person is one of the very pillars on which the whole structure of British Freemasonry rests.

We trust that the Grand Gathering about to assemble to testify personally to Your Majesty the sincere and loyal attachment of all members of the Empire will still further tend to cement and knit together our British races, and that you will long be spared to foster this feeling of unity and see it grow in strength and importance.

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc., etc.

CORBET LOCKE,
Grand Master.
W. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.
THOMAS ROBINSON,
President Board of General Purposes.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada,
1st June, 1867.

In moving the address M.·. W.·. Bro. O'Meara referred in eloquent terms to the Gracious Sovereign who has ruled

over this Great Empire for a period of sixty years. He referred to the great advantage that Masons had derived by Her Majesty's patronage of the Craft and said he felt it to be a distinquished honor to have that opportunity of moving an address to the Empress-Queen who has so long graced the Throne of England.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson in seconding the address referred to the loyality of Her Majesty's subjects, especially to the affectionate loyality of Masons to the Queen-Empress, the daughter of a Freemason and the mother of Freemasons.

The resolution was put and carried amidst cheers.

The National Anthem was then sung by the whole of the brethren.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

It was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31),

That the members of the Grand Lodge learn with feelings of deep regret that V.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts is seriously ill in the Winnipeg General Hospital, and extend to him their heartfelt sympathy and express a fervent hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·. W.·. Bros. Corbet Locke, Wm. G. Bell and James A. Ovas.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-Second Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 10.40 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm, Grand Chaplain.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

District Number One.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. David Henry McFadden, *Emerson.*

No. 1—Prince Rupert's.....Winnipeg.
" 2—Lisgar.....Selkirk.
" 3—Ancient Landmark.....Winnipeg.
" 4—St. John's.....Winnipeg.
" 6—Emerson.....Emerson.
" 8—King Solomon.....Morris.
" 10—Northern Light.....Winnipeg.
" 12—Stonewall.....Stonewall.
" 25—Ionic.....Winnipeg.
" 55—East Star.....Gretna.

District Number Two.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. John James McFadden, *Neepawa.*

No. 7—Assiniboine.....Portage la Prairie.
" 11—Gladstone.....Gladstone.
" 24—Neepawa.....Neepawa.
" 49—Temple.....McGregor.

District Number Three,

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Wilson C. Hicks, *Treherne.*

No. 9—Oakland.....Carman.
" 48—Glenboro.....Glenboro.
" 51—Treherne.....Treherne.
" 63—Holland.....Holland.

District Number Four.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thorton, *Deloraine.*

No. 13—Belmont.....Morden.
" 30—Manitou.....Manitou.
" 36—Doric.....Boissevain.
" 40—Deloraine.....Deloraine.
" 50—Killarney.....Killarney.
" 54—Oriental.....Melita.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. BRO. ROBERT MADDEN, *Rapid City.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales.....Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian.....Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle.....Birtle.
" 62—Russell.....Russell.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. BRO. DANIEL COLIN MCLELLAN, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16—Kinistino.....Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle.....Battleford.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. BRO. GEORGE ALBERT COULTER, *Hartney.*

No. 19—Brandon.....Brandon.
" 27—Glenwood.....Souris.
" 29—Carberry.....Carberry.
" 43—Lebanon.....Virden.
" 44—Oak Lake.....Oak Lake
" 52—Hartney.....Hartney.
" 64—Composite.....Alexander.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

D.D.G.M,—R.·. W.·. BRO. FRANCIS GLADSTONE LEWIN, *Moosomin.*

No. 23—Wascana.....Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw.....Moose Jaw.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley.....Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head.....Indian Head.
" 34—Qu'Appelle.....Qu'Appelle
" 35—Moosomin.....Moosomin.
" 46—Wapananung.....Broadview.
" 47—Ashlar.....Whitewood.
" 57—Evening Star.....Grenfell.
" 61—North-West Mounted Police.....Regina.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. BRO. CHARLES WILLIAM SUTTER, *Edmonton.*

No. 28—Bow River.....Calgary.
" 42—Cascade.....Banff.
" 53—Edmonton.....Edmonton.
" 58—Innisfail.....Innisfail.
" 60—Perfection.....Calgary.
" 65—Eureka.....Lacombe.
" 66—Acacia.....South Edmonton.

District Number Ten.

D.D.G.M.—R.·. W.·. Bro. John David Higinbotham, *Lethbridge.*

No. 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 37—Alberta..... Macleod.
" 41—North Star..... Lethbridge.
" 45—Spitzie. ..... Pincher Creek.
" 56—Maple Leaf..... Maple Creek.

Recapitulation.

District Number One ..	10
District Number Two.....	4
District Number Three.....	4
District Number Four.....	6
District Number Five.....	4
District Number Six	2
District Number Seven	7
District Number Eight.	10
District Number Nine.....	7
District Number Ten.....	5
Total.....	59

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. Dec. 27, 1896.

Number of Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended N.P.D.	Died.	Rejected.	Membership 27th Dec. 1895.	Membership 27th Dec. 1896.
1	Prince Rupert's	15	13	17	9	2	2	1	1	1	148	170
2	Lisgar	2	2	2	..	....	2	....	....	....	62	62
3	Ancient Landmark	10	13	13	3	2	5	....	1	1	178	187
4	St. John's	10	10	10	4	5	2	2	2	3	121	134
6	Emerson	3	3	3	4	1	2	....	1	....	31	36
7	Assiniboine	1	1	1	1	....	2	8	1	...	90	81
8	King Solomon	5	5	4	1	1	2	2	....	1	36	39
9	Oakland	6	8	6	2	....	....	....	....	....	35	43
10	Northern Light	9	9	10	2	....	1	...	1	....	67	76
11	Gladstone	....	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	30
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	26	26
13	Belmont	6	7	7	2	....	2	3	1	1	85	87
14	Prince of Wales	2	2	2	1	....	5	4	2	....	58	50
15	Corinthian	....	2	2	....	1	1	1	....	....	31	30
16	Kinistino	3	1	2	2	....	1	1	....	2	43	46
19	Brandon	6	7	10	1	13	....	....	....	....	109	103
23	Wascana	1	1	1	....	....	5	5	....	....	66	57
24	Neepawa	3	3	3	2	1	....	....	....	2	26	32
25	Ionic	11	10	10	3	....	2	2	....	1	93	103
26	Moose Jaw	4	4	4	1	....	7	....	....	2	44	42
27	Glenwood	7	5	5	....	...	1	....	....	....	34	40
28	Bow River	4	4	5	2	....	4	....	2	...	68	68
29	Carberry	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	28	28
30	Manitou	4	4	5	....	3	1	....	....	1	28	34
31	Medicine Hat	3	3	2	2	....	1	....	....	....	36	40
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	5	5	3	2	....	2	....	2	1	26	29

33	Indian Head	3	3	4	2	....	1	. ..	....	1	29	33
34	Qu'Appelle	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	1	26	24
35	Moosomin	9	9	8	1	...	1	1	....	1	36	44
36	Doric	3	2	2	5	....	2	...	....	1	44	50
37	Alberta	1	1	1	....	1	....	.....	1	....	48	49
38	Battle	2	1	1	3	....	...	....	.....	....	21	26
39	Birtle	4	2	3	1	....	1	....	.....	....	32	36
40	Deloraine	2	2	1	....	....	2	3	....	1	33	30
41	North Star	3	3	3	....	2	3	1	.....	....	47	48
42	Cascade	4	4	4	....	....	1	1	....	3	37	39
43	Lebanon	2	4	2	....	2	3	....	...	1	27	28
44	Oak Lake	2	3	5	1	....	2	....	.....	....	23	24
45	Spitzie	4	3	3	1	....	....	....	.....	....	25	30
46	Wapananung	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	.....	....	12	14
47	Ashlar	1	2	3	....	....	1	..	....	...	23	23
48	Glenboro	1	1	3	....	....	1	....	.....	....	43	43
49	Temple	3	3	3	....	1	....	....	.....	....	18	21
50	Killarney	3	3	3	4	....	1	1	....	....	24	29
51	Treherne	1	1	1	1	....	1	3	1	....	22	19
52	Hartney	4	4	3	1	....	3	....	....	2	21	23
53	Edmonton	....	....	....	3	....	2	2	.....	....	49	48
54	Oriental	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	.....	....	29	30
55	East Star	3	2	2	....	....	2	....	.....	....	17	18
56	Maple Leaf	2	2	3	....	....	1	....	.....	....	19	20
57	Evening Star	5	7	8	..	....	1	....	.....	....	24	28
58	Innisfail	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	.....	1	14	16
60	Perfection	10	11	11	1	....	....	....	.....	....	31	42
61	North-West Mounted Police	5	5	9	3	. .	2	....	....	2	35	41
62	Russell	6	6	6	1	...	....	....	.....	5	13	20
63	Holland	13	11	9	2	...	...	....	.....	...	8	23
64	Composite	8	7	5	11	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	19
65	Red Deer	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	.....	....	10	11
66	Eureka	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	10
67	Acacia	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	9
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LODGE DIRECTORY.

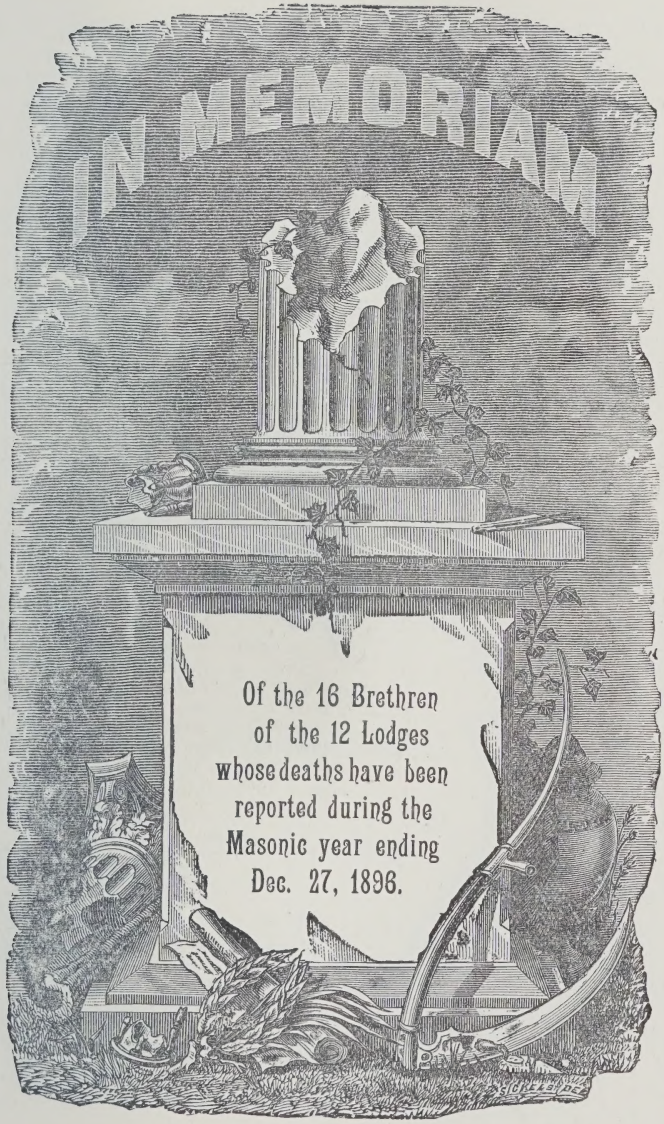
Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

	Name of Lodge.	Town and Post Office Address.	Municipality.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert's.	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	D. W. McDermid	G. A. Hargrave	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	St. Andrews	Manitoba	Robert Rennie	A. W. Hooper	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	C. H. Enderton	John Chambers	Third Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Humphrey Hart	S. G. G. Thompson	First Wednesday in each month.
6	Emerson*	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	John McCaul	Rev. W. J. Garton	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	ortage la Prar	Manitoba	Leslie Remey	J. G. Henry	Third Wednesday in each month
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	Geo. F. Birney	R. F. McTavish	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	H. C. Cunningham	F. D. Stewart	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	A. J. Bannerman	R. B. Harstone	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Thomas L. Morton	John Ferguson	Monday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	Rev. A. W. Goulding	W. Montgomery	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	A. M. Stewart	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	Isaac Coleman	V.H.G.G. Pickering	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Edward Peplow	John Whyte	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	C. O. Davidson	James Stewart	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	L. M. Moore	W. S. Moody	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	Wm. Henderson	Alex. Shepphard	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	Alexander Lowe	Arthur Young	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	W. A. Ducker	R. A. Pyne	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	William A. Burton	Thos. W. Aspdin	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Glenwood	Manitoba	Angus J. Stewart	T. Van Somerin	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	R. J. Jephson	W. C. Howard	Second Monday in each month.
29	Carberry	Carberry	North Cypress	Manitoba	W. W. Ireland	E. H. Cope	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Pembina	Manitoba	H. G. Cook	James Herald	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	R. C. Becker	F. G. Forster	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley*	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	Wm. S. Hockley	H. H. Hayward	Tuesday on or before full moon.

33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	F. L. Mackay	Andrew Dickson	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	J. P. Creamer	W. T. Thompson	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	H. C. Buchanan	Arthur H. Smith	Wednesday on or before full moon
36	Doric*	Boissevain	Morton	Manitoba	Norman P. Buckingham.	James D. Baine	Tuesday on or before full moon.
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	R. N. Wilson	D. J. Campbell	Wednesday on or before full moon
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	John Cotton	D. H. Henson	First Wednesday in each month
39	Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	John Lane	D. D. McArthur	First Tuesday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Manitoba	George Paterson	M. A. Wilson	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star*	Lethbridge		Alberta	Thomas McNabb	Robert Sage	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Banff.		Alberta	David White	George McManus	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon*	Virden	Wallace	Manitoba	George B. Perry	J. F. C. Menlove	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake.*	Oak Lake	Sifton	Manitoba	Robert Neill	A. Thompson	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie*	Pincher Creek		Alberta	John F. Burne	H. E. Hyde	Friday on or before full moon.
46	Wapananung*	Broadview		Assiniboia	W. C. Thorburn	Wm. Hodson	First Thursday in each month.
47	Ashlar.*	Whitewood		Assiniboia	W. A. Lamonte	H. A. J. McDougall	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro.	Glenboro	South Cypress	Manitoba	Frederick Axford	J. B. Mathers	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor	North Norfolk	Manitoba	James Hay	H. B. Fryer	Wednesday on or after full moon
50	Killarney*	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	James McNaughton	A. McQueen	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	South Norfolk	Manitoba	Adam Forbes	J. K. Robson	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Winchester	Manitoba	Richard Shore	B. McDermott	Tuesday on or before full moon.
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	K. A. McLeod	G. T. Bragg	Third Friday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	J. L. Campbell	A. T. Broderick	Thursday on or before full moon.
55	East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	R. M. Binning	Otto Schultz, acting.	Wednesday on or before full moon
56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	Isaac Forbes	G. T. B. Garrett	Thursday on or before full moon.
57	Evening Star	Grenfell		Assiniboia	John S. Chambers	N. T. Lee	Tuesday on or after full moon.
58	Innisfail	Innisfail		Alberta	W. A. B. Richards	S. P. Fream	Third Thursday in each month.
60	Perfection	Calgary		Alberta	R. N. Kirkpatrick	Charles McMillan	Third Tuesday in each month.
61	Northwest Mount'd Police	Regina		Assiniboia	Frederick Smith	James Ritchie, acting	First Thursday in each month.
62	Russell	Russell	Russell	Manitoba	F. G. Richardson	W. T. Potts	Wednesday on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland	South Norfolk	Manitoba	Rev. H. D. Cooper	F. H. Dagg	Wednesday on or before full moon
64	Composite	Alexander	Whitehead	Manitoba	Wm. Fenwick	Wm. Dickson	Thursday on or before full moon.
65	Eureka	Lacombe		Alberta	G. W. Streeter	D. G. Stewart	First Wednesday in each month.
66	Acacia	South Edmonton		Alberta	A. C. Rutherford	G. M. Montgomery	Second Thursday in each month.

DEATHS 16—12 LODGES.

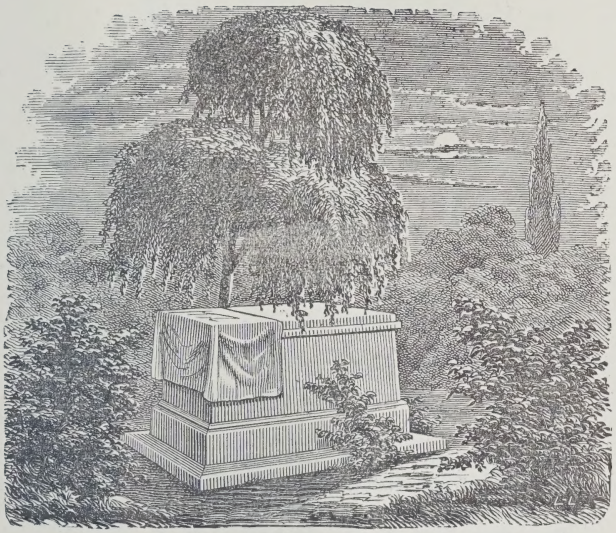
NAME.	DATE.	LODGE	
John Groves Walsh	24 November, 1896.	Prince Rupert's	1
William Urban Mills Ronald ..	18 June, 1896	Ancient Landmark	3
George Cameron Whiteman...	10 January, 1896....	St. John's	4
George Winlaw	12 October, 1896....	St. John's	4
James Joseph Bedford	11 January, 1896...	Emerson	6
Frederick Francis Rose	26 December, 1896..	Assiniboine	7
William F. Henderson	22 June, 1896	Northern Light	10
Charles Augustus Bell	11 November, 1896..	Belmont	13
William Elliott Roche	16 April, 1896	Prince of Wales.....	14
William Albert Aycarst	1 July, 1896	Prince of Wales.....	14
Colonel Levi Soper	27 May, 1896	Bow River	28
George Angus John Macdonald.	2 October, 1896	Bow River	28
Joseph Donald Turner	26 June, 1896	Qu'Appelle Valley.....	32
James Hatfield	23 December, 1896 .	Qu'Appelle Valley.....	32
William Brock Wylde	11 November, 1896..	Alberta	37
Hugh Edgbert Newton.....	4 July, 1896	Treherne	51


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 16 Brethren
of the 12 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during the
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1896.

" And if, through patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest,
When we shall know and clearly understand,
I think that we shall say " Yes, God knew best."

IN MEMORIAM
OF THE
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

" Thou shalt lie down
With patriarchs of the infant world– with kings,
The powerful of the earth—the wise, the good,
Fair forms, and hoary seers of ages past,
All in one mighty sepulchre."



In Memoriam of

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN HEADLEY BELL,

Past Grand Master.

Born in London, Ontario, September 6th, 1840.

Died in Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 16th, 1897.

" The night dews that fall, though in silence it weeps,
Shall brighten with verdure the grave where he sleeps ;
And the tear that was shed, though in secret it rolls,
Shall long keep his memory green in our souls."

In Memoriam.

M.·.W.·. BRO. OWEN A. BASSETT,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Died July 19th, 1896.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOSEPH NORTON DOLPH,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Died March 10th, 1897.

M.·. W.·. BRO. JOHN STEDMAN.

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Died March 28th, 1897.

R.·. W.·. BRO. ANDREW MARTIN WOLIHIN.

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Died January 22nd, 1897,

R.·. W.·. BRO. FREDERICK KRAMER.

Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Died September 8th, 1896.

R.·. W.·. BRO. BENJAMIN WILSON HIGGS.

Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Died August 16th, 1896.

" And if not home to us, yet lead them home,
To where Thou standst at the heavenly gate,
That so from Thee they shall not farther roam;
And grant us patient hearts Thy gathering time
to wait."

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Augustus Nicholas Wilson	16 June, 1896	Prince Rupert's	1
William Alex. McIntosh ..	3 June, 1896.....	St. John's	4
William Henry Smith	3 June, 1896.....	St. John's	4
Charles Dollar Bell	18 March, 1896 ..	Assiniboine	7
William Paterson Smith ..	18 March, 1896 ..	Assiniboine	7
Charles Bernard Halpin .	18 March, 1896 ..	Assiniboine	7
James Craig Paterson	18 March, 1896 ..	Assiniboine	7
Hyles Egbert Turner	18 March, 1896 ..	Assiniboine	7
Joseph Henry Bossons....	18 March, 1896 ..	Assiniboine	7
Roderick McCuaig	18 March, 1896 ..	Assiniboine	7
Charles Edward Lang ...	20 May, 1896.....	Assiniboine	7
James Blair	4 August, 1896...	King Solomon	8
Frank Revell	4 August, 1896...	King Solomon	8
Charles Laycock.....	21 May, 1896	Belmont	13
William McKenzie.....	21 May, 1896	Belmont	13
Bernard Benina	21 May, 1896	Belmont	13
John Farquhar	20 November, 1896	Prince of Wales	14
Hugh McDonald	20 November, 1896	Prince of Wales	14
John McLellan	20 November, 1896	Prince of Wales	14
John Lamont	20 November, 1896	Prince of Wales	14
Archibald Stewart.....	4 February, 1896	Corinthian.....	15
Drummond McLeod Gawne	1 May, 1896	Kinistino	16
James Allan McCaul.....	2 June, 1896	Wascana	23
Robert Barnes.....	2 June, 1896.....	Wascana	23
Frank Fraser Timms	2 June, 1896.....	Wascana	23
Donald McDougall..... ..	2 June, 1896.....	Wascana	23
Thomas Cook Johnston ...	2 June, 1896.....	Wascana	23
Harry Edward Imlach	1 May, 1896	Ionic	25
Henry Thomas Bell	1 May, 1896	Ionic	25
Septimus Marshall Smith.	26 August, 1896 ..	Moosomin	35
Adoniram Cates	24 June, 1896	Deloraine	40
James Fleming	24 June, 1896	Deloraine	40
John Leeson	24 June, 1896	Deloraine	40
William Nimmons	9 March, 1896....	North Star	41
Harry Morris	27 February, 1896	Cascade	42
James Alexander Paterson	21 August, 1896 ..	Killarney	50
Richard Henry D. Findlay	18 December, 1896	Treherne	51
Frank Charles Morrison ..	18 December, 1896	Treherne	51
William Nelson	18 December, 1896	Treherne	51
Morrison Gordon Connor..	19 June, 1896	Edmonton	53
Philip Heiminck.....	17 July, 1896	Edmonton	53

RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NO.
Henry Sarasin	21 January, 1896	Prince Rupert's	1
John Sandfield Reed	18 February, 1896	Prince Rupert's	1
William Bearisto	12 January, 1896	Ancient Landmark	3
Major Compton Clarke	14 December, 1896	Ancient Landmark	3
Reuben Traveler McLean	6 May, 1896	St. John's	4
James Levy	6 May, 1896	St. John's	4
John Bragg	8 July, 1896	St. John's	4
James F. Thomson	7 October, 1896	St. John's	4
John Radford	7 October, 1896	St. John's	4
William Mills	23 April, 1896	Emerson	6
Horace David Cooper	4 August, 1896	King Solomon	8
Sidney Watson Soper	7 January, 1896	Corinthian	15
David Bryce	18 November, 1896	Neepawa	24
George Walter Ullyott	24 April, 1896	Manitou	30
Mathew Young	30 May, 1896	Manitou	30
Edward Carriss	21 August, 1896	Manitou	30
Frederick W. G. Haultain	26 February, 1896	Alberta	37
Alexander Moffat	13 January, 1896	North Star	41
Frederick Joseph Bourdon	12 October, 1896	North Star	41
Lawrence Gibson Fraser	25 February, 1896	Lebanon	43
Henry Charles Shaw	25 June, 1896	Lebanon	43

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Winnipeg.....Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Moosomin ....Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William J. Garton, Emerson, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. William Crawford, Medicine Hat..Grand Junior Warden.
R.·. W.·. Bro. David Henry McFadden, Emerson.....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. John James McFadden, Neepawa.....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Wilson C. Hicks, Treherne .....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton, Deloraine .....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Madden, Rapid City.....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Daniel Colin McLellan, Prince Albert .....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. George Albert Coulter, Hartney.....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin, Moosomin .....D.D.G.M.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter, Edmonton .....D.D.G.M.
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R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Winnipeg .....Grand Treasurer.
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V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Nathaniel Wilson, Macleod, Grand Senior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. William Alex. Burton, Moose Jaw..Grand Junior Deacon.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert H. Myers, Minnedosa..Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Lawrence H. J. Minchin, Winnipeg. ...Grand Organist.
V.·. W.·. Bro. John Cameron Saul, Winnipeg .....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Charles Henry Enderton, Winnipeg ....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Isaac Stephen G. Van Wart, Calgary ...Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin, Indian Head...Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Leslie Remey, Portage la Prairie.....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. William Lindsay, Stonewall ..... .Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Wynn, Innisfail .....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor, Edmonton .....Grand Steward.
V.·. W.·. Bro. James Nicoll, Pincher Creek .....Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg..... Grand Tyler.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

When Elected.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Senior Wardens.	Grand Junior Wardens.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.	Grand Registrars.	Grand Chaplains.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke .	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. John Kennedy.	*John H. Bell ..	‡H. T. Champion .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson ..	G. F. Newcomb	‡J. J. Johnson.....	*John H. Bell ..	J. W. Harris	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb	James Henderson..	John W. Harris.	. .. .	‡J. J. Johnson.....	*John H. Bell ..	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ...	*F. T. Bradley	‡J. J. Johnson.....	*John H. Bell ..	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin ...	R. McQuaig.....	‡J. J. Johnson	*John H. Bell ..	‡James Munroe ..	Rev. James Flett.
1880	*John H. Bell	.....	* Hon. G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor ..	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†D. B. Murray .	... .	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Jas. Henderson.	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson.	.....	‡J. J. Johnson.....	....	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	*John H. Bell	†D. B. Murray ...	R. McQuaig...	†John Smith, M.D..	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Wm. G. Scott ..	D. Young, M.D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	*John H. Bell	....	*Rev. J.M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†Wm. Simpson...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	.....	†Alfred Pearson ..	P. McGregor ...	†Thos. Collins	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	*J. W. H. Wilson.	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	†Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor ..	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. G. Bell.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas .	Wm. G. Bell.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Jas. S. Greig.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Joseph Daniel	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson ..	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	James A. Payne..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1890	James A. Ovas.....	Wm. G. Bell.....	†T. McPherson .	Fred L. Newman....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell.....	*JohnW.H.Wilson	Rich'd D. Foley	John Leslie	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	James G. Dagg...	Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	*John W. H. Wilson	D J. Goggin	F. G. Lewin....	Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. A. Windatt..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thomas Robinson.	Thomas Tweed.	Corbet Locke	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	J. H. Munson....	Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed	Charles N. Bell...	Corbet Locke ...	Hugh U. Bain.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell.	Corbet Locke.....	James Leslie....	G. B. Murphy	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	John Chambers ..	Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke.	John Leslie	F. L. Newman..	T. F. English	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	C. N. Mitchell....	Rev. J. W. Matheson.
1897	Thomas Robinson ..	G. B. Murphy....	Rev. W. J. Garton	Wm. Crawford.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	J. O. Smith	Rev. Andrew Chisholm.

* Dead. † Removed from jurisdiction. Withdrawn from Masonry.

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
British Columbia	James A. Carley	Winnipeg	September 5, 1894
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	Sept. 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara.	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895

From the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	October 15, 1896
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	November 30, 1888
Arkansas	Mathew M. Duffie	Winnipeg	January 11, 1896
California	Fred. Leslie Newman.	Portage la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	November 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg	January 1, 1885
Distr't of Columbia.	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	November 27, 1888
Florida	Rev. S. P. Matheson.	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thos. Lewis Morton.	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	Rev. W. J. Garton	Emerson	July 7, 1897
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Souris	January 1, 1895
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt	Portage la Prairie	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicol	Neepawa	December 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	January 30, 1897
Minnesota	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd	Minnedosa	February 12, 1891
Montana	Herman J. Eberts	Winnipeg	April 23, 1897
Nebraska	Rich'd Dennis Foley	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	Corbet Locke	Morden	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	November 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	November 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	Duncan J. Campbell	Macleod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	December 15, 1883
Rhode Island	James George Dagg	Selkirk	December 8, 1894
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Fred'k L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	February 22, 1890
Tennessee	Roland C. Brown	Winnipeg	January 24, 1889
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa.	March 15, 1879
Utah	George B. Murphy	Moosomin, Assa.	May 20, 1897
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1896
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assa.	March 14, 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Dan'l H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
New Zealand	Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat	February 25, 1893
Peru	Charles N. Bell	Winnipeg	April 28, 1889
South Australia	Peter McGregor	Brandon	October 21, 1885
Victoria	F. G. Lewin	Moosomin	February 14, 1894

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munroe	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	J. F McDonald	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	September 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	Geo. W. Shannon	Dublin	December 30, 1890
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
Dis't of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby	Washington	October 16, 1895
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee	January 6 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	W. Wiley Stewart	Caddo	September 5, 1879
Iowa	Geo. M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May 1, 1895
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	November 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	Joseph Carpenter	Gold Hill	October 2, 1893
New Hampshire	Josph Kidder	Manchester	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Burlington	November 23, 1894
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts	New York	December 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	C. F. Baldwin	Mount Vernon	March 7, 1893
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette	
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Danridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsiciana	September 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	September 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	April 10, 1891
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales.	Ellis Robinson	Sidney	November 10, 1893
Peru	Alfred Benavides	Lima	November 24, 1887
New Zealand	Hon. Henry Feldwick.	Auckland	December 10, 1892
South Australia	James Magor Symons	Moonta	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	February 16, 1891

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario)	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John's.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Ireland	Arch'd St. George, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Charles C. Stevenson	Boise City.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka Choctaw Nat'n.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, Dw'r 81.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Mas. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, Mas. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.

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Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary	Address.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. Temple.
North Carolina	John C Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinatti.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, P.O. Box 275.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 780.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	J. V. Bidgood	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson	Dunedia, Otayo.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

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M.·. W.·. GRAND LODGE

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Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Twenty-third Annual Communication of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, June 8th, A.D. 1898, A.L. 5898, at 9 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10).....Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35).....Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Rev. William John Garton (6)..... ...Grand Senior Warden.
" " " William Crawford (31).....Grand Junior Warden.
" " " David Henry McFadden (6).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " Robert Stirton Thornton (40).....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)..... .....D.D. Grand Master.
" " " John McKechnie (1).....Grand Treasurer.
" " " William George Scott (1).....Grand Secretary.
" " " John Obed Smith (1).....Grand Registrar.
" " " Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15).....Grand Chaplain
V.·.W.·. " Robert Nathaniel Wilson (37).....Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " William Alex. Burton (26).....Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " Robert Hill Myers (14).....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Lawrence H. J. Minchin (10).....Grand Organist.
" " " John Cameron Saul (1).....Grand Steward.
" " " Charles Henry Enderton (3).....Grand Steward.
" " " Harry Herbert Campkin (33).....Grand Steward.
" " " William Lindsay (12).....Grand Steward.

W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles Rogers Littler (2).....as Grand Steward.
" " Alan McKenzie Stewart (13)..... .....as Grand Steward.
" " John Snowdon Brayfield (19).....as Grand Steward.
" " Archibald B. Gillis (47).....as Grand Steward.
R.·.W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10).....as Grand Pursuivant.
" John McBride (1).....Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Pritchard Matheson (10) .....Past Grand Master.
" " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....Past Grand Master.
" " " James Alexander Ovas (15).....Past Grand Master.
" " " William George Bell (3).....Past Grand Master.
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R.·. " " John Walter Harris (4).....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " William George Scott (1).....Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Roderick McCuaig (7) .....Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Richard Dennis Foley (30).....Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35).....Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Alexander James Belch (4).....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " George Frederick Carruthers (1).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James George Dagg (2).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " George William Baker (10).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Byron Fraser (13).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Killops Patton (14).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William Arthur Lang (19).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Andrew Davidson (24).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Sutherland McKay (36).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Lane (39).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John McGuirl (35).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Thompson Black (4) .....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Colwell (10).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Duncan Baine (36).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William James Cooper (7).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Johnson White (25).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William Andrew Windatt (3).....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " John Chambers (3).....Past Grand Registrar.
" " " Coulson Nicholas Mitchell (4).....Past Grand Registrar.

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges:

Canada	M.·.	W.·.	Bro.	Rev. Samuel P. Matheson.
Delaware	R.·.	"	"	Andrew James Belch.
England	M.·.	"	"	Thomas Robinson.
Florida	R.·.	"	"	James Duncan Baine.
Idaho	"	"	"	Rev. William John Garton.
Ireland	"	"	"	William George Scott.
Kansas	M.·.	"	"	James Alexander Ovas.
Louisiana	R.·.	"	"	James Johnson White.
Michigan	"	"	"	John McKechnie.
Mississippi	M.·.	"	"	William George Bell.
Montana	V.·.	"	"	Herman Joseph Eberts.
Nebraska	R.·.	"	"	Richard Dennis Foley.
Nevada	M.·.	"	"	Corbet Locke.
New York	R.·.	"	"	John Walter Harris.
New Zealand	M.·.	"	"	Thomas Tweed.
North Carolina	R.·.	"	"	William Crawford.
Nova Scotia	M.·.	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara.
Ohio	R.·.	"	"	Willard Cooke Copeland.
Prince Edward Island	V.·.	"	"	John J. Jackson.
Quebec	R.·.	"	"	James Thompson Black.
Rhode Island	"	"	"	James George Dagg.
South Australia	"	"	"	John Chambers.
South Carolina	"	"	"	William Andrew Windatt.
South Dakota	V.·.	"	"	Herbert Hanks Goulter.
Vermont	"	"	"	Robert Fairbairn McTavish.
Victoria	R.·.	"	"	Francis Gladstone Lewin.
Wisconsin	M.·.	"	"	Thomas Robinson.

And the Following Past Masters:

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William George Scott (1)
"	"	"	George Frederick Carruthers (1)
"	"	"	John McKechnie (1)
V.·.	"	"	John J. Jackson (1)
	"	"	Joseph Greenfield (1)
R.·.	"	"	John Obed Smith (1)
V.·.	"	"	John Cameron Saul (1)
M.·.	"	"	Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1)
"	"	"	Charles Napier Bell (1)
V.·.	"	"	Joseph Tees (1)

R.·. W.·. Bro. James George Dagg (2)
" " John James Erskine (2)
" " Rev. Charles Rogers Littler (2)
M.·. " " William George Bell (3)
R.·. " " William Andrew Windatt (3)
" " " John Chambers (3)
" " Edgar William Rugg (3)
V.·. " " William Edward Hazley (3)
" " " Charles Henry Enderton (3)
" " " John Thomas Colton (3)
" " Andrew Schmidt (3)
R.·. " " John Walter Harris (4)
" " " Andrew James Belch (4)
" " " James Thompson Black (4)
V.·. " " Thomas William Taylor (4)
R.·. " " Coulson Nicholas Mitchell (4)
" " Samuel Gibson Getty Thompson (4)
" " Humphrey Hart (4)
" " William Braden (4)
" " James Andrew Bell (4)
R.·. " " William John Garton (6)
" " " David Henry McFadden (6)
" " " Roderick McCuaig (7)
" " " William James Cooper (7)
V.·. " " Robert Fairbairn McTavish (8)
" " Marshall Lawrie (8)
V.·. " " Henry Robert Whitworth (8)
M.·. " " Rev. Samuel Pritchard Matheson (10)
" " " Thomas Robinson (10)
R.·. " " George William Baker (10)
V.·. " " Herman Joseph Eberts (10)
" " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10)
" " John Robert Grant (10)
R.·. " " John Colwell (10)
" " Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11)
V.·. " " William Lindsay (12)
" " William Thomas Vincent (12)
R.·. " " Byron Fraser (13)
M.·. " " Corbet Locke (13)
" " Alan McKenzie Stewart (13)
R.·. " " John Killops Patton (14)
V.·. " " Robert Hill Myers (14)

R.·.W.·. Bro. Edward Peplow (15)
" " " Andrew Chisholm (15)
" " " William Arthur Lang (19)
" " " John Andrew Davidson (24)
" " " George Hamilton (24)
" " " John Wemyss (24)
R.·. " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25)
" " " Edward Luke Milligan (25)
" " " Norman Brownell (25)
" " " John Fletcher Mitchell (25)
V.·. " " William Alexander Burton (26)
M.·. " " James Alexander Ovas (27)
" " " James Dickson (29)
R.·. " " Richard Dennis Foley (30)
M.·. " " Thomas Tweed (31)
R.·. " " William Crawford (31)
V.·. " " Frederick Stephen Procter (32)
" " " Henry Herbert Campkin (33)
R.·. " " Francis Gladstone Lewin (35)
" " " John McGuirl (35)
" " " George B. Murphy (35)
" " " James Duncan Baine (36)
" " " John Sutherland McKay (36)
" " " John Morrow (36)
V.·. " " Robert Nathaniel Wilson (37)
R.·. " " John Lane (39)
" " " James Edwin Maynard (40)
" " " Robert Stirton Thornton (40)
" " " George Paterson (40)
V.·. " " Henry James Pugh (43)
" " " Herbert Hanks Goulter (43)
" " " Robert Neill (44)
" " " George Canning Ives (45)
" " " Archibald B. Gillis (47)
" " " James Hay (49)
" " " Finlay McNaughton Young (50)
" " " John Lorne Campbell (54)
" " " Rev. Horace David Cooper (63)
" " " William Fenwick (64)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), Grand Chaplain.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3) seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3) seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-second Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on the 9th and 10th days of June, A.D. 1897, A.L. 5897, copies of which were printed and forwarded to the subordinate lodges, were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Robinson, then read his annual address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

In accordance with ancient usage, we have assembled to render an account of our stewardship for the past year. It is fitting in the first place, to express our gratitude to an All Wise Father for His mercy, in permitting us to meet again in this beautiful Temple, whereby we may take counsel together to further the good work of our Order, as well to His glory as to the benefit of ourselves. Personally I extend to you the heartiest of all welcomes, and sincerely trust that at the close of this session, you will find your zeal for the institution further stimulated through the interchange of ideas and fraternal social contact with your fellow Masons.

By your grace and patient indulgence, I was privileged to occupy this position in the Grand East. In accepting the honor, I did so out of deference and in obedience to the kind feelings expressed in so many ways that I should be numbered among the rulers of the Craft in this important and ever-expanding jurisdiction. The honor thus conferred upon me, by you, brethren, I shall always cherish with secret pride, and hope in my humble way that I shall be able to be of some little service in extending the benefits and influence of our Order. It is a great pleasure to meet under so many auspicious circumstances. There is no cloud to mar our relations, either with our sister jurisdictions, or among ourselves. This Western country was never so prosperous, and there are the most cheering indications that the near future will be brightened with a great advance in the settlement of the country, and an increase in the industrial pursuits of our people.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The obituary record shows that since we last met, the "Angel of Death" has gathered into her Haven of Rest many distinguished brethren. Let us offer our fraternal sympathy to the brethren of the jurisdictions, who have had cause to mourn the extinction of so many Masonic Lights from their midst. We doubt not, however, that their influence and names will be beacons to guide those who are left behind in carrying on the good work, which, our departed brethren showed by their lives, was based upon the pillars of Faith, Hope and Charity.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas M. Harkey, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died 27th September, 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. William Abraham Love, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Georgia, died 22nd January, 1898.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles C. Stevenson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Idaho, died 3rd March, 1898.

M.·.W.·. Bro. William B. Taliaferro, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Virginia, died 27th February, 1898.

M.·.W.·. Bro. James R. Boyce Sr., Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana, died 23rd April, 1898.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Daniel Striker, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan, died 11th April, 1898.

M.·.W.·. Bro. William H. Best, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Dakota, died 3rd May, 1898.

I would recommend that memorial pages for these distinguished brothers be inserted in the proceedings of our Grand Lodge.

We also have to mourn from our immediate circle, R.·.W.·. Bro. Albert H. Van Etten, Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, and V.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Hursell, Past Grand Steward, and twenty-three other brethren members of Lodges in our jurisdiction.

These brethren were ever ready to help in their different spheres of life, to promote the truly fraternal principles of our Order, and we tender our warmest sympathy to their relations. Nor can we forget the great spirit lately laid to his rest. Masons can well take to heart his peace-loving desires and ever present noble purpose of using his great abilities for the divine mission of improving the lot of his fellow creatures, and the cause of humanity.

HER MAJESTY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

At our last meeting, we all felt that we were on the eve of one of the most momentous epochs in British history, if not that of the world, viz: The approaching Diamond Jubilee Celebration of our beloved Queen. The event was celebrated all over the world, wherever the British flag waves, and the magnificent pageant on the twenty-second day of June, 1897, in the City of London, showed the oneness and unity of feeling actuating all the citizens of the Empire, and their deep loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty for her lifelong devotion to the welfare of her people.

The Masons of the City Lodges, at a special meeting held at the Temple, celebrated the event by appropriate speeches and addresses. Our Queen claims our devotion as Masons, being the daughter of a Mason, and the mother of the present Grand Master of the Parent Grand Lodge of the World. We also know that she is the patron of innumerable benevolent institutions which seek to foster the great Masonic virtue of charity in all its manifold phases. We have indeed been reminded of the words of the late Poet Laureate, "One with Britain, Heart and Soul, one Life, one Flag, one Throne," as well as those of the great Daniel Webster: "A power to which.....Rome in the height of her glory is not to be compared.....a power which has dotted over the surface of the whole world with her possessions and military posts, whose morning drum beat, following the sun and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth with one continuous and unbroken strain." .....

By way of commemorating this celebrated event, the Directors of the Winnipeg General Hospital decided to erect a new "Jubilee" wing to supply the ever-growing wants of that noble institution. The idea suggested itself to some of the Winnipeg brethren that it would be a pleasing tribute from our Order, if one of the wards could be furnished by Freemasons. Steps have been taken for this purpose, and it is anticipated that the sum of $500 will be contributed by the City Masons. I communicated with all the Lodges in the jurisdiction, outside the city, bespeaking their cordial co-operation, and with few exceptions, received favorable replies, and have obtained contributions at the rate of 25 cents per member from every member in good standing. The money so raised will be presented to the hospital authorities, either in a lump sum, or, the City Masons will make their contributions, and the contributions from the outside Lodges in like manner will be fittingly donated. It has been intimated that permission will be given to place a small tablet in the front of the ward, intimating that the same has been furnished by the Freemasons. I am sure the brethren will be pleased to learn that advantage has been taken of this opportunity to afford tangible expression of our belief in the noble cause of helping to minister to the wants of the afflicted.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

We had the pleasure of welcoming, at our last session, a distinguished visitor in the person of M.·.W.·. Bro. Jas. F. Lawless, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The M.·.W.·. Brother has occupied that distinguished position in his Grand Lodge for the past three years, showing the high esteem and regard in which he is held.

In connection with this visit, it may not be out of place for me to say a few words of the more than fraternal ties that bind us to that Grand Lodge. In the year 1864, several of the leading citizens of the old settlement of Fort

Garry, (now the City of Winnipeg), received the degrees of Masonry in Northern Light Lodge, at Pembina, subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. This lodge was chiefly supported by the members of a regiment stationed at Pembina, with Bro. W. C. Nash as W.M., a brother who subsequently rose to the rank of M.·.W.·. Grand Master. On its removal in the year 1865, the then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota permitted the lodge to be removed to Fort Garry, and the work was carried on by the members resident in this locality. This was the first regular introduction of organized Masonry into this Western country. Owing to local troubles the lodge ceased to exist, and the life of organized Masonry was, for a short time extinguished. Soon after the arrival of the troops under Field Marshal Wolseley, some brethren who had come up with the expedition as part of the Ontario contingent, and who remained behind for the purpose of preserving order, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Canada for a dispensation to organize a lodge under the name of "Prince Rupert's." This was granted, and the lodge was instituted on the Tenth of December, 1870, and regularly constituted the following year.

Lisgar Lodge was chartered two years afterwards, and Ancient Landmark the year following, and on the 12th day of June, 1875, these three Lodges met, and formed our Grand Lodge.

From this small beginning, we have steadily increased, till now we have no less than sixty Lodges with an aggregate membership of two thousand seven hundred members. While therefore we point with pride to our progress, we always cherish with grateful remembrance the kind Masonic fostering care which the Grand Lodge of Minnesota exercised in the introduction of Masonic light into this Western country, then known as "The Great Lone Land," and now the home of many thousands. We also recall in further support of these cordial relations, that when the lodge at Emerson was chartered in the year 1877, permission was given by M.·.W.·. Bro. James C. Braden, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, for persons, residing in his jurisdiction, near the Province of Manitoba, and convenient to the lodges in this jurisdiction, to petition for, and receive degrees in Masonry in the lodges under our jurisdiction. It is cheering to reflect that there is not now a village of any size in this Western country, in which there is not to be found a temple dedicated to Masonry wherein the brethren regularly testify their allegiance to the elevating principles of our Order, and seek support from its teachings in the carrying out of the three great duties of Faithfulness to our God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

As I feared, my circumstances prevented me from paying as many official visits as I should have wished, at the same time I have been able to

realize from personal experience, the progress of Masonry in the Eastern as well as Western portions of our jurisdiction. Naturally there is a great difference between the surroundings of Masonic life in this city, and what is to be seen in the outside lodges along the Calgary and Edmonton line. On the other hand, the spirit which serves to make Masonry subservient to the highest needs of man, and ennobling of mankind, is the same. The same fraternal bond of union is apparent wherever you meet Masons, and I am happy to convey to you my own personal impression, that all over this wide jurisdiction, Masonry is doing a useful and noble work in extending its influence, and certainly plays no mean part in impressing upon the minds of the people, the important duties they owe to humanity, and to the country of which they are citizens. The following are the Lodges I visited :

Cascade Lodge No. 42, Banff, on the Ninth day of September, 1897.

Edmonton Lodge No. 53, and Acacia Lodge No. 66, at South Edmonton, on the Thirteenth day of September, 1897.

Eureka Lodge No. 65, Lacombe, on the Fourteenth day of September, 1897.

An informal meeting with the Masons at Red Deer on the Fifteenth day of September, 1897.

Innistail Lodge No. 58, Innisfail, on the Sixteenth day of September, 1897.

Joint meeting of Bow River Lodge No. 28 and Perfection Lodge No. 60, Calgary, on the Seventeenth day of September, 1897.

Joint meeting of Wascana Lodge No. 23, Regina and North-West Mounted Police Lodge No. 61, Regina, on the Eighteenth day of September, 1897.

A joint meeting of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, St. John's Lodge No. 4, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, and Ionic Lodge No. 25, at the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, on the Eleventh day of November, 1897.

Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain, on the Twenty-ninth day of December, 1897.

Lisgar Lodge No. 2, Selkirk, on the Third day of January, 1898.

Emerson Lodge No. 6, Emerson, on the Twenty-third day of March, 1898.

Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Souris, on the Fourth day of March, 1898.

Brandon Lodge No. 19, Brandon, on the Fifth day of March, 1898.

Brandon Lodge No. 19, Brandon, on the Tenth day of May, 1898.

When visiting these Lodges I gave lectures in the hope of conveying some information on Masonic law. I cannot help remarking that while it was a very great pleasure to pay these visits, and while I received great personal courtesy and attention wherever it was my privilege to be present, yet I realized more forcibly than I ever did before, the necessity of more frequent lectures on Masonic subjects. Our finances will not warrant the necessary expenditure for a Grand Lecturer, as is done in some jurisdictions. I am satisfied, however, that if it were possible to obtain the services of some well skilled brother, who could go around and give information, that it would have very far reaching effects in strengthening the interest in Masonic matters. There is a great lack of Masonic knowledge. I quite understand that it is impossible for people who are so occupied with their usual business avocations to devote very much time to acquiring Masonic knowledge, since it requires a great deal of study and thought to delve into its history and philosophy. I recognized my own deficiency for the same reasons. On the other hand, a continual repetition of the ritual, in time, begins to pall upon the mind, and it is impossible not to feel that there is a universal want of something to further stimulate Masonic zeal. Brethren, I think that this is a matter that should be carefully borne in mind, and as soon as the Grand Lodge finances warrant, steps should be taken to have a Grand Lecturer. In the meantime, the brethren of the Lodges in the different districts should make a point of supporting by their presence at Lodge meetings, any brother who will go to the trouble of giving lectures, or tries to convey the benefit of any information he has derived from his own study.

I am also indebted to M.·.W.·. Brother Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara, and M.·.W.·. Brother D. J. Goggin, for their kindness in making official visits on my behalf, and delivering lectures on Masonic subjects. These distinguished brethren are so well known to the Craft that it is only necessary for me to mention the fact of their kindness to warrant the assurance that the brethren who had the privilege of listening to them secured an evening of intellectual enjoyment and benefit.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed some representatives of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to other Grand Lodges, full particulars of which will be found in the Grand Secretary's report.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

A motion was passed at the last session for the appointment of a committee of three brethren to revise the Constitution. I therefore appointed M.·.W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, M.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell, and R.·.W.·. Bro. G. W.

Baker for such purpose. Each of these brethren at first intimated to me that they did not think they had time to undertake the work. Later on they begged to be excused. As these brethren were well qualified for the work, and as I did not think there was sufficient time to go thoroughly into the matter, I refrained from appointing another committee. I was all the more induced to this conclusion, because the brethren at the last Grand Lodge meeting seemed opposed to any great alteration in the Constitution. While, here and there, there might be some judicious amendments, yet the opinion seemed to prevail, that on the whole, the system of administration provided by it, suited our circumstances, and it seemed to me there was no desire to have the Constitution materially changed or interfered with.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

There have been no appeals or complaints either from Lodges or individual Masons during my year of office. This can but be taken as an indication of the harmony and good will that prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I have approved by-laws of various Lodges, and amendments to others, full particulars of which will also be found in the Grand Secretary's report.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have exercised the prerogative of issuing dispensations freely during the past year. While I felt that such power was to be very judiciously used, yet I have not hesitated to do so when I felt there was a necessity for doing so, and I was fortified in this judgment by the resolution passed at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. This resolution was one passed in amendment to a motion that the dispensing power of the Grand Master be confined strictly within the limits of the Constitution, but the wisdom of the Grand Lodge exhibited itself in asserting that the Grand Master should be free to exercise his discretion in the best interests of the Craft. I have granted dispensations to various lodges to confer degrees within the period of one month, full particulars of which and the reasons for so doing will be found in the Grand Secretary's report. In some cases I refused such dispensations, the reasons offered for so doing not being, in my judgment, sufficient to warrant the granting of the same.

I have had a fair amount of correspondence, and the following are the chief decisions I have given:

1. An applicant for the degrees of Masonry was not debarred from admission to the Craft through having lost his second, third and fourth fingers on his right hand.

2. Degrees or general business cannot be conferred or transacted at Festival Meetings.

3. It is not the business of a Lodge to interfere in personal disputes between members, unless after careful consideration, it is quite clear that the welfare of the Lodge and the Craft in general demands investigation.

4. A brother sold grape wine under the impression that it was a temperance drink, and he was convicted of selling liquor without a license. I ruled such case to fall within the distinction made by the W.·. Bro. Mackay in his book on Masonic Jurisprudence, between a wrong *malum in se and malum prohibitum*. I decided that it was not an evil in itself and therefore not a case for the interference of a Lodge. At the same time I intimated that it was very difficult to draw a definite line on questions of this kind, that it was largely a matter of degree, and wise judgment and discretion must be used for the benefit of the Craft in regard to cases which might lead to any scandal or be a disgrace.

5. Business must be done in the third degree. Lodges doing Canadian work must regularly open in the first, second and third degrees, and regularly close down in each degree. Where there is any degree to be conferred, the short form of closing and opening may be used in going from one degree to another for such purpose.

6. After a brother has received the first degree, he is entitled to receive the second and third, unless a charge properly substantiated, is brought against him, or the Worshipful Master feels justified in directing that a complaint be regularly instituted, but the brother should not be refused such degrees upon indefinite charges and insinuations, which do not commend themselves as sufficient to the Worshipful Master for refusing to confer the degrees.

7. That a Lodge cannot legally claim dues in arrears when through its own fault all the degrees have not been conferred.

MASONIC TEMPLE, WINNIPEG.

This building was dedicated by M.·.W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, Grand Master, on the 27th day of December, 1895. The progress of time has well justified the judgment of the promoters in the erection of this institution. Too much praise cannot be given to the self-sacrificing work and labor which the Directors have undertaken, assisted by their indefatigable Honorary Secretary, R.·.W.·. Bro. J. O. Smith. As you are aware, this Home for Masons was established through the means of a non-paying dividend joint stock company, and although primarily to supply the wants of the Winnipeg Lodges, exercises a far reaching influence for good on the Masonic life in the whole of our juris-

diction. The stock so far, has practically been subscribed by the Winnipeg Masons, and I would sincerely express the hope that the brethren outside of the city, who can afford to do so, will see their way to testify their appreciation of the great good to Masonry this institution is doing by helping to share the burden and expense incident to such an undertaking. During the past winter season four lectures have been given at the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of joint meetings of the City Lodges, and under the patronage of the Grand Lodge Officers, viz :

By myself on "Masonic Law."

By M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara on "The Three Pillars."

By the Grand Secretary on "The Early History of Free Masonry, in the Red River Valley."

By M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson on "The Bible."

The lectures were most interesting and instructive, and I hope this means of disseminating Masonic knowledge will become an established feature of Masonic life, not only in this city, but among all our lodges. The directors are also deserving of our grateful appreciation for two very interesting exhibits, held at the Temple; one of pictures, the proceeds of which were given to the Winnipeg General Hospital, and the other of Indian curiosities, art treasures, and rare relics. Both exhibitions were well patronized by the public, and it was generally felt that they had great educative effect and elevated the tone of our Masonic relations.

At this building all the different Masonic bodies in the city hold their meetings, and I feel constrained to express the hope that in future the directors will endeavor, as far as possible, to get the different bodies to arrange that no meetings be held during the week that Grand Lodge meets. Such meetings seriously interfere with the work of the committees connected with Grand Lodge, in the preparation of their reports and consideration of matters to be brought before your attention at our Annual Communication.

THE GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

My attention has been drawn to the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru, in declaring that it was no longer necessary to have the Bible, or "Book of the Law," placed upon its altar as the Great Light, to signify our belief in the existence of a God, and the immortality of the soul. I communicated at once with M.·.W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, the representative at this Grand Lodge from that Grand Lodge, but as yet have received no reply from him as to the correctness of the above information. I also asked the Grand Secretary to write to the

Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, but he has not yet received an answer. I understand that there is some conflict going on in that Grand Body, on this very question, and I therefore have not taken the matter up, but I refer to it as one calling for the exercise of definite action on the part of the chief executive of this Grand Lodge. It will be within your knowledge that some years ago the Grand Orient of France, repealed a clause in its Constitution recognizing the fundamental principle of our Order, viz: the belief in God, and that shortly after doing so, all the Grand Lodges in the world withdrew their representatives. The same course will doubtless have to be adopted in regard to the Grand Lodge of Peru, because if we take away the foundation upon which our Order is erected, it would give it a purely social and humanitarian basis. No man could be made a Mason, nor could we have connection with any body of men, or individuals, who did not acknowledge the Masonic verities of the existence of a God, and that He has revealed His will to us as a guide to rule and govern our faith in Him, and our action towards each other.

NEW LODGES.

I have had the pleasure of granting a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge at Wawanesa, and it is pleasing to note that proceedings are being taken for the formation of other lodges at the Villages of Elkhorn and Dauphin, and also to revive the Lodge at Red Deer.

Two Lodges have been constituted, one at Lacombe and the other at South Edmonton, District of Alberta.

GRAND LODGES.

The Grand Secretary called my attention to the fact that a great many of our representatives were very delinquent in the matter of attending the communications of the Grand Lodges, to which they were accredited, and the question arises as to continuing the practice of such appointments. I have refrained from taking any action in this matter, because it has come to my knowledge that the question of the appointment of Grand Representatives was obtaining the serious consideration of the advisors of other Grand Lodges. As we know, the position is a purely honorary one, and at the present time is preserved for sentimental reasons and kindly Masonic relations. The opinion seems to obtain with several Grand Bodies, that, as there are such easy facilities for communicating through recognized officials, there is not the same need for representatives as there used to be. I would recommend that the next Board of General Purposes appoint a Committee to take up the question and to consider whether it is advisable to continue the system of appointing Grand Representatives, or whether it should be confined to certain Grand Bodies in special circumstances. I have also received a request from the Grand Orient

of Belgium for an exchange of Representatives, and have deferred any action pending the decision of the Grand Lodge as to the appointment of a Committee on the lines above suggested.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION.

For some time past I have been trying to arrive at some conception upon which to form a judgment on this difficult question, and enquiry and correspondence have brought out the fact that there is a great difference between the views entertained by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, the American Grand Lodges, and the Grand Lodge of Canada. Our own Grand Lodge having been derived from the Grand Lodge of Canada has followed chiefly the views of the rulers of the Craft of that Grand Body, and this Grand Lodge follows very closely the American views rather than the views of the British Grand Lodges, although in ritual it is practically the same as that of the Grand Lodge of England. The written law bearing on the subject is derived from Clause 5 of the Fifteen Points of the Old York Constitutions, namely: "A candidate must be without blemish and have the full use of his limbs, for a maim man can do the craft no good." There is also the provision in the Regulations of 1663, under the Grand Mastership of the Earl of St. Albans, namely: "No person hereafter would be accepted as a Free Mason but such as are of able body." Then again in the Ancient Charges of Makings brought about in 1686, "That he that be made be able in all degrees, that is free born, of good kindred, true and no bondsman and that he have his right limbs as a man ought to have." Lastly, in the fourth clause of "Anderson's Charges" approved of on the revival of Freemasonry in the year 1722: "No Master shall take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a brother."

The above extracts from the written law of Freemasonry have been the guide for American jurists in enunciating the view which chiefly obtains in all the American Grand Lodges and also in the Grand Lodge of Canada, "That no person should be initiated into Freemasonry who is incapable of complying literally with all the requirements of the degrees." I communicated at length with Right Worshipful Brother W. J. Hughan, the great English Masonic historian, and the following is his interesting reply to me, namely: "I have not traced "any reference to physical qualification in the reports of our Board of General "Purposes to the Grand Lodge of England, but I know the question was con-"sidered privately by them, so to speak, twice or more in 1860. It was decided "by the Board that one who had lost his left foot was not unsuitable for initia-"tion, as it was the moral and mental qualities that made fit and proper persons "for initiation.

"In 1875 the then Grand Secretary wrote, 'That the Board of General "Purposes feel that it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as to the "initiation of a candidate not perfect in his body, as required in article Four "of the Ancient Charges.' I am directed to say that the general rule in this "Country is to consider a candidate eligible for election who, although not "perfect in his limbs, is sufficiently so to comply with and go through the "various ceremonies required in the different degrees. Each case of this de- "scription must be defined on its own merits by the members of the Lodge, to "whom the candidate is personally known, subject to the approval of the "Master of the Lodge, who is personally responsible that the candidate was "in condition to comply with the above named requirements.

"In 1877 it was also ruled 'that having a cork leg did not render a mem- "ber unfit to take the third degree.'

"The fact is that ever since the first Grand Lodge of England (and of the "World) was formed in 1717, any ordinary defect of a physical character has "been no bar to initiation, because the rule as to physical completion or per- "fection was a pre-requisite of the operative period, never has been a "regulation in our book of Constitution, 1723 to 1784, and from the 'Union' "Laws of 1815 to now.

"The 'Atholl' or 'Ancient' Grand Lodge rather leaned to the physical "rule and hence the later Provincial Grand Lodges of the United States of "America and so of Canada (from which the Grand Lodge originated) fol- "lowed the same custom. I scarcely know what would be a bar physically "to initiation in England. Certainly anyone wholly blind, or deaf or dumb "would be inadmissable with us, just as it is by Regulation Grand Lodge of 'Scotland agreed to February 6th, 1878, and in Laws of that Grand Lodge "for 1896, it was then agreed by the same body that 'Lodges are allowed "to exercise their own discretion as to the initiation of candidates, who are "mutilated in, or minus a limb.' Also February 6th, 1878. In Ireland the "rule is (Laws, 1875), 'If a candidate proposed for admission be in any "manner maimed, lame or defective, he shall not be initiated without a dis- "pensation from the Grand Master or the D.G.M., the application to be made "by memorial, wherein the defect shall be clearly specified.'

"Not that I apprehend there would be any difficulty in obtaining per- "mission in the general way. If the operative laws are to be our guide, why "not have seven years for the apprenticeship and be wholly Christian as to "conditions of membership, besides many other conditions not observed "since. There can be no fair justification to take the rule 'upright in body "and limbs' and exclude others just as needful, and the result of such arbi- "trary selection has been a series of rulings by Grand Masters that provoke

"one's amusement, if it were not for the important question underlying all as "to the real moral conditions."

Personally, so far as I can humbly presume to form my own judgment on this difficult subject, I feel that, with great diffidence and respect to the American rulers of the Craft and the rulers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, their conception is too strict; on the other hand I share the opinion prevalent on this continent, that the advisers of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland have not been as strict and careful as the best interests of Masonry might demand. I think that the clause in the Charges of 1722 is the proper guide for us to take, and that the words "That render him incapable of learning the *art*" modifies the strict, literal and physical perfection which the American view seeks to enforce. The question is a moral and ethical one, just as much as a physical, and I do not think that the former view should be absolutely merged in the latter. The "art" of Masonry is not so much a question of physical perfection, but rather of the moral upbuilding of a perfect character, and this consideration should make us careful not to let the spirit of our Craft be enslaved by a too rigid subserviency to the letter of the law. Moreover, the strict conception of physical perfection is founded more particularly upon the York Constitutions. These Constitutions embodied at the time a digest of the Masonic code, the most important of which was number One of the Fifteen Points, namely: "Every Mason shall cultivate brotherly love, the love of God and frequent Holy Church." This is certainly Christian in character, but those who adopt the strict view of physical perfection acknowledge that in the evolution of Masonry this particular rule was changed to the more universal or deistic rule embodied in the first paragraph of Anderson's Charges, approved of in 1722, viz:

No. 1—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

"A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law, and if he "rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. But, though in ancient times, Masons were charged in every "country or nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient to "only oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of "honour and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be "distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union, and the "means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained "at a perpetual distance."

I cannot myself see why portions of the York Constitution should be strictly insisted on and other portions admitted to have lost their original character; hence, in the decisions which I have given upon the subject, I have

not followed the same strict line of thought adopted by my predecessors, who have apparently taken as their guide the American conception.

I have written fully on this question from a desire to convey information and provoke interest and consideration by you all on this important subject. The more you think about it, the more will you realize the all important lesson of your individual responsibility of safe-guarding the portals of Freemasonry. I do not altogether like the English rule of leaving the matter almost wholly to the discretion of the Masters of Lodges. Our Constitution provides that "Every candidate shall submit to the Constitution and conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft." There is a similar general provision in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England. In many of the Constitutions of Grand Lodges in the United States, the provisions are very strict, while others are more general. With the Grand Lodge of Canada it is provided:

"SEC. 218.—Every candidate must be free-born and his own master, and "at the time of his initiation be known to be in reputable circumstances. He "shall be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some pro- "gress in one or the other of them."

"SEC. 220.—A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies "and work of the Grand Lodge, and is mentally and morally worthy of "admission, is a fit subject to become a Mason."

I prefer the provision of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and by way of guidance would therefore rule that if a candidate for admission suffer from any physical defect, he shall not be initiated without the permission of the Grand Master, the application for such dispensation to set out clearly the nature of the defect. No definite rule can be laid down, and each case must be judged upon its own peculiar merits; without departing altogether from the idea of physical perfection, we should seek to admit persons whose lives and character indicate a natural affinity with our conception of what should constitute a fit and proper person to be made a Mason.

STATE OF MASONRY.

It is pleasing to note from the various reports of the R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Masters that there is a steady increase in the material prosperity of the Order. Increased insurances on the property of various lodges is a healthy indication of this improvement. Many lodges also have erected, and own, their own halls, thereby establishing a Masonic home in their locality. The establishment of these Masonic homes is to be strongly commended as one of the best means of cementing more closely the associations of the brethren. They will naturally take a greater pride in their own

building, more interest in meetings and social gatherings, all of which do so much good in promoting good feeling and making the brethren better acquainted with each other.

I would specially direct your favorable consideration to the report of R.·. W.·. Bro. Dr. R. S. Thornton, District Deputy Grand Master, District Number Four. This brother is one of our most zealous and best skilled Masons, takes a very great interest in disseminating Masonic information, and therefore any suggestions from him I know will receive the consideration which they deserve. I have already referred to the lectures given under the auspices of the Winnipeg Lodges. It is gratifying to see that the suggestions made by Most Worshipful Brother Locke in his last address in regard to Lodges of Instruction have been duly appreciated, and that there is all over the Jurisdiction a greater desire to promote Masonic gatherings, to listen to lectures, discussions on Masonic and kindred subjects, and also social gatherings. There is also a growing desire to associate ladies and friends of the brethren at these gatherings, whenever possible to do so. This is an object which I think is to be highly commended. It is in this way that our Lodges will become, to quote the words of a distinguished Masonic Divine, "a school for "the display of virtue. Temperance, in the restraint that we place on our "language and behaviour. Patience, in the industry with which we cultivate "a knowledge of ritual, and obedience to the rulers and powers that be. Im- "provement in social culture and the study of the vast outspreading field of "Masonic literature. And what shall I say of friendship? Some of the most "treasured friendships of a life have been made in a Masonic Lodge. It is "one of its brightest phases as we grow older, one too, that I am sure is the "experience of not a few who are here to-day, that we can look back with "unalloyed and lasting pleasure on friendships with men, whom we should "never have known at all, but for Freemasonry." I am all the more pleased and gratified to impress upon your minds this growing interest in Craft Masonry and its associations, because it is impossible not to feel that Craft Masonry proper suffers somewhat from the attractions of other Masonic bodies. I have never gone beyond the Royal Arch myself, and trust that this will not be taken as any reflection on my part against such bodies. I have a very sincere respect for the other bodies and I cherish the hope that some day I may be privileged to participate in some of their beautiful ceremonies. I can also testify to the fact that brethren who are distinguished in these spheres are, as a rule, equally distinguished in Craft Masonry and are energetic Masons. On the other hand, my experience leads me to feel that there is a good deal of force in my remarks as affecting the average Mason. A short time ago I strongly advised a young friend of mine, who had just been initiated, not to go into such bodies until he had passed through the offices

of a regular Lodge, and had so thoroughly grounded himself in Craft Masonry impressing on him that he would be a better Mason for it, and that the other bodies which his Masonic zeal would eventually lead him to join would be all the more benefitted. I know cases where brethren who have been rushed forward have lost their interest in Masonry largely through the multiplicity of degrees, and the difficulty of a young Mason properly filling more than one office at a time. While this is a matter in which I cannot presume in any way to dictate, I would, however, commend my reflections to your thoughtful consideration.

I regret to find that the Grand Secretary and different Committees have been put to a good deal of inconvenience on account of the reports and statistical information required by our Constitution not having been properly furnished. In fact with a few exceptions there seems to have been a greater number of delinquents this year than for some time past. I sincerely trust that my successor will not be given an opportunity to comment on any such lamentable lack of interest in the proper administration of our affairs.

RANK OF P.D.D.G.M.

I would recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren, although I do not think they are all justly entitled to it :

R.·.W.·.	Bro.	David Henry McFadden	District	No.	1.
"	"	John James McFadden	"		2.
"	"	Wilson C. Hicks	"		3.
"	"	Robert Stirton Thornton	"		4.
"	"	Robert Madden	"		5.
"	"	Daniel Colin McLellan	"		6.
"	"	George Albert Coulter	"		7.
"	"	Francis Gladstone Lewin	"		8.
"	"	Charles William Sutter	"		9.
"	"	John David Higinbotham	"		10.

THE LATE CLANDESTINE OR IRREGULAR GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

As there seems to be quite a number of members of this body in our jurisdiction, I deem it advisable by way of information for Masters of various Lodges to give the following copy of a letter, containing an extract from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, 1896, which I directed the Grand Secretary to write in connection with the healing of a member of the above body, viz :

" That as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario)

in his address at the session held July 16th, 1896, reported that such arrangements had been made with the members of this organization as to effectually sweep this body out of existence for all time to come. Their charter (granted by the Provincial Government) had been transferred to myself and the Grand Secretary, as trustees for this Grand Lodge, all warrants issued to subordinate lodges, the seal and all other books and property of this so called-body, have been, or are being, delivered up and are now in possession of this Grand Lodge. All members of this so-called Grand Body who have applied, have been healed, and declare their allegiance to this Grand Lodge. Many of them have applied for affiliation to our Lodges, and are now active and useful members of this Grand Body. The surrender is voluntary and complete—the only concession granted being that members of the extinct body holding the rank of Past Master therein are conceded that rank in any of our Lodges with which they may affiliate or to which they may be admitted."

He thinks "that the proper course for members of this late organization to pursue is to take advantage of the arrangements made, and make application to the Grand Lodge of Canada to be healed, and upon presentation of a certificate from the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, they can present their application and be received into membership in any Lodge in this jurisdiction willing to receive them."

I concluded that the above course was the wise one to adopt. *First*, as a matter of courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and secondly, because it would materially assist the Committee on Character as to whether such a person was a proper subject for affiliation. A certificate from the Grand Lodge of Canada, will throw upon the proper parties the responsibility of stating whether such persons are entitled to be received as Masons, and are in good standing.

This awkward matter was brought before the Board of General Purposes on the 7th of October, 1895, when a resolution was passed as follows:—"That the procedure adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the matter of healing members of the Lodges formerly working under the jurisdiction of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, be adopted in this jurisdiction." This was prior to the surrender of all the property of this irregular body, and upon further consideration I felt that the Board would have acted differently if the surrender as above mentioned had then taken place.

Moreover, there has been a conflict in the acts of my predecessors when dealing with this question. Some allowing such a man to be healed, and others refusing. This to me was a further reason for relegating the question to the quarter where it appeared to me to properly belong.

AUDITOR.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, I appointed V.·.W.·. Bro. W. E. Hazley as one of the Auditors of Grand Lodge.

CONCLUSION.

In bringing my remarks to a close, let me, brethren, ask you to concentrate your ideas on one of the leading legal Masonic maxims, viz.: "Once a Mason, always a Mason," and to take the recollection of this maxim away with you from this Session of Grand Lodge. This idea should always shine as a bright "Morning Star" in our Masonic life, and is nowhere more strongly emphasized than in the Ancient Charges adopted at the Revival of Freemasonry in 1721. I would bespeak during the next year a perusal of these Charges by every member present. You will find a range of subjects dealing with every position we can occupy as individuals or citizens. They constitute the chief part of the fundamental law of the Fraternity, and embody a digest of the belief, customs and usages which Masons had theretofore adopted for their guidance. They relate to God and Religion, to the State and duties of a Citizen, to the Lodge, to the duties of its officers and members, to the proper working of the Craft, to the behaviour of the brethren not only in the Lodge room, but outside, to the behaviour within the family circle, and the duties they owe to those who seek assistance. The morality inculcated has as its basis a religious conception, and the benefits to be derived are intellectual and social, but not of a pecuniary character. While the order is benevolent in its operation, yet it differs from other benevolent societies in having no pecuniary benefits. We should not, therefore let the commendable success of mutual pecuniary benefit societies weaken our faith in the usefulness of our Order. With every creed or distinctive benevolent society, there is a certain amount of difference of opinion incident to, and inseparable from, distinct institutions with different systems of government and aims. Masonry serves the useful purpose of showing that no such antagonism can exist; and affords a constant object lesson of the healing balm of an ever-present platform for mutual sympathy and co-operation between men of diverse opinions. The Mason who is thoroughly imbued with the feeling "Once a Mason, always a Mason," will require no metallic symbol to show to the world that he is a member of our Order, but will exhibit the truest of all symbols, an upright, personal character, commanding the respect and esteem of his fellowmen. In this spirit we we can truly speak of the perpetual jurisdiction of Freemasonry over our consciences, and be supported, and strengthened in the Faith we profess by an ever present Guardian Angel. This ideal will be the true "Mark" for speculative Freemasons, and like their operative brother Masons of ancient times, each man will be able to make known his work to his Overseer, his companions and himself.

I have to thank the Grand Officers and brethren for their kindness and courtesy. Especially are my thanks due to R.·.W.·. Bro. William Crawford, Grand Junior Warden, for accompanying me on my official visits on the Calgary and Edmonton line of railway. I shall cherish the memory of his companionship as one of the most pleasing incidents of my year of office. I also have to express my appreciation to R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott, Grand Secretary, for his courtesy and readiness to afford me any assistance and information. I am sure that the instructive report, which he has rendered of his stewardship, is the best evidence of his care and attention to the duties of his office, and that he endeavors to faithfully discharge the same to the best interests of this jurisdiction.

THOS. ROBINSON,
Grand Master.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas (27), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. William Arthur Lang (19), the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District Number One, I respectfully report as follows :

My official visits to the several Lodges in the District were regularly made with the exception of those to Stonewall Lodge, No. 12, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 8.

To the brethren of Stonewall, I can only tender my sincere regrets that my plans to pay them a dutiful visit miscarried most unavoidably. They will, I trust, freely pardon the unintentional slight.

In the case of King Solomon Lodge, No. 8, I desire to explain that a date for my visit was mutually agreed upon, but owing to the absence of some of the officers, the Secretary wired me a postponement of my intended visit. No other date having since been fixed, I propose to take advantage of the occasion of their regular meeting on Thursday, the 7th June instant, to make my visit.

As to the state of the Lodges generally, I have briefly to state that in no case did I find anything to report adversely upon. The work is well done, the books and accounts are well kept, and that love and harmony, "which should characterize Freemasons at all times," appear to dwell universally amongst them.

My visits were, in every instance, of the pleasantest and, to myself at all events, of the most instructive character. Hospitality marked my reception at the hands of the brethren of the several lodges, and for this I take the opportunity of thanking them. Masonry in the district generally shows signs of prosperity, and I will conclude by thanking the brethren once more for the honor and kindness bestowed upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. McFADDEN,
D.D.G.M. District Number One.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Two, I respectfully report as follows:

Owing to illness in my family, as well as other causes, over which I had no control, I regret to say that I found it impossible to visit officially the Lodges, other than Neepawa, in my District. I did, however, visit the towns of Portage La Prairie and Gladstone, for the purpose of examining into the financial standing and other matters relative to Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, and Gladstone Lodge No. 11, but unfortunately was unable to arrange to be there upon lodge nights. My thanks are due to W.·. Bro. Leslie Remey, of Assiniboine Lodge, and W.·. Bro. John Ferguson, of Gladstone Lodge, who afforded me every assistance in going over the books of their respective Lodges. I found the books of both well kept, and a credit to the Secretary.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage La Prairie, is in good financial standing, having some $595, over liabilities, to its credit. The lodge room is comfortable, convenient, and well furnished. The membership is seventy-two, and during the year, three new members were added to the list. Nine were suspended for non-payment of dues, and four dimitted. Lodge meetings are held regularly, the average attendance being about twenty-five.

Gladstone Lodge No. 11, Gladstone, has a membership of thirty, with an average attendance of about twelve to fourteen. During the year, three new members were added and one dimitted. Dues to date are well paid, and they have now on hand a balance of some sixty dollars.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, Neepawa, being my own Lodge was frequently visited by me. I am glad to report that this Lodge was never in a more satisfactory condition. Under the guidance of thoroughly efficient officers the work is well done, the meetings well attended and interesting. The funds are in good condition, the Lodge showing a balance, in the bank, to its credit of over $200. The dues of members also are in a very satisfactory condition. During the past year the Lodge has accepted seven new members, while one member has withdrawn, leaving a net increase of six members. In addition to this, the Lodge has three further propositions under consideration.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, McGregor. I regret to say that I have been unable to visit this Lodge or to obtain any information concerning it, and would ask the indulgence of Grand Lodge for being unable to report.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. McFADDEN,
D.D.G.M. District Number Two.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Three, I respectfully report as follows :—

On May 4th, 1898, I visited Holland Lodge, No. 61, officially. I found everything in a prosperous condition. I have frequently visited this lodge and have seen the first, second and third degrees exemplified.

Their books and accounts are correct and neatly kept.

On May 6th, 1898, I visited Treherne Lodge, No. 51, officially. As I am a member of this lodge I have seen nearly all its work and am pleased to report that it is in good condition.

I was unable to visit Oakland Lodge, No. 9, Carman; Glenboro Lodge, No. 48, Glenboro, and Wawanesa Lodge, U.D., Wawanesa.

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. HICKS,
D.D.G.M. District Number Three.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Four, I respectfully report as follows :

During the year I have visited all the lodges in this district.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden, on February 24th, 1898. On this occasion the third degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master and his officers. This Lodge is, numerically, the strongest in the district and the officers are diligent and earnest.

Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Manitou : On February 22nd, 1898, when the officers conferred the third degree. The members are enthusiastic and the average attendance very good.

Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain : On December 7th, 1897, and again on April 5th, 1898. On both occasions there was a large attendance and degrees conferred by the officers of the Lodge. This is the most prosperous Lodge, financially, in the District, owning its lodge room valued at $2,000 and also shows the largest increase of membership.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, Deloraine : Being the Lodge of which I am a member, I was present at all its meetings and also made a formal visit. Under the present officers, it well sustains its record.

Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Killarney, on February 23rd, 1898. Despite the fact that this was an emergent meeting and the night among the bitterest of the winter, the members turned out well and conferred a degree.

Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita, on November 12th, 1897. No degrees were conferred, all the time being devoted to an address. This Lodge was stationary for a while but is now pushing steadily ahead.

Following the precedent established the previous year a combined meeting of the lodges for instruction and discussion was held at Boissevain on December 28th, 1897. At this meeting there was present the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, accompanied by M.·.W.·. Bros. Corbet Locke and C. N. Bell, and R.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott. After the reception in the lodge room an adjournment was made to the hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by the brethren of Doric Lodge. A pleasant feature of this part of the proceedings was the presence of the ladies.

On returning to the Lodge addresses were delivered by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master and M.·.W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, while the Past Master's Degree was exemplified by R.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott. Nothing could exceed the courteous and kind hospitality of the brethren of Doric Lodge.

Masonry in this District is in a healthy condition. The Worshipful Masters are all interested in the work and are well supported by their officers. The ritualistic work in all the lodges is well done. For this happy result I recognise our indebtedness to the efforts of my predecessors in this office.

The financial standing in some cases is not as good as might be. The Secretary's work in all cases is well done and it was gratifying to inspect the well kept books and accounts. The historical register is generally neglected, and to the end that it might receive attention, I proposed to each lodge to procure a lodge album for photographs of members to which brief biographical notices could be appended.

The general excellence of the work left me free to direct attention to another aspect of Freemasonry hitherto somewhat neglected in our lodges—a study of its history, development and symbolism, whereby we might better understand its inner teachings and hidden mysteries. In each lodge I delivered an address on this subject and urged the members to procure Masonic books and in course of time form a library in connection with the Lodge, and to devote the evenings, on which there was no degree work, to essays and discussions on these and kindred matters. From what I have since learned both these suggestions are taking hold in the District, and in due time will probably develop practical results.

I would suggest also that some arrangement be adopted whereby the unwritten work might be demonstrated at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. This would have the double effect of an added interest to Grand Lodge meetings and of preventing those irregularities which are constantly liable to creep in. The session might also be utilised for the delivery of lectures on Masonry which could thus be heard by representatives from all parts of the jurisdiction.

In conclusion I wish to express to the brethren my appreciation of their kindness and consideration (in most cases holding emergent meetings to suit my convenience), and of the cordial reception everywhere extended to me on my visits to the several lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. THORNTON,
D.D.G.M. District Number Four.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Five, I respectfully report as follows :—

Russell Lodge, No. 62, Russell: I visited this Lodge officially at an emergent meeting called for that purpose on the evening of April 9th. The roads being very bad, the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. The E.A. degree was conferred in a fairly creditable manner by the officers. The hall is large and comfortable; the future of this Lodge should be a prosperous one.

Birtle Lodge, No. 39, Birtle: I visited this Lodge officially at a regular meeting on April 11th, and had the pleasure of seeing the F.C. and M.M. degrees conferred in a most creditable manner by the officers of this Lodge. I take great pleasure in saying that W.·. Bro. P. Duncan has few equals in conferring degrees. This Lodge has a well furnished room, and the prospects for a large increase in membership is very good.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa: In company with R.·.W.·. Bro. E. Peplow and R.·.W.·. Bro. A. Chisholm, Grand Chaplain, I visited this Lodge officially at a regular meeting on May 6th, and saw the F.C. degree very ably conferred by its officers. The ceremonies of opening and closing were done in a very creditable manner. This is without doubt the best worked Lodge in the District. I was informed by the members that the building debt is being gradually paid off, and the prospects are good.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, Rapid City. I have to report that on the 13th of May I paid an official visit to it. The officers of this Lodge are capable and careful workers, and the prospects for growth of membership are very good. This is the only Lodge in the District that has a hall free from debt.

In conclusion I am pleased to report that Masonry in this District is in a prosperous condition. I thank the brethren for the honor bestowed and kindness received at their hands.

Fraternally submitted,

R. MADDEN,
D.D.G.M. District Number Five.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Six, I respectfully report as follows:—

Kinistino Lodge No. 16, Prince Albert: As a regular attendant of this Lodge my official visit on May 6th, was merely formal. I have had several opportunities during the year of observing the working of this lodge in conferring degrees, and other details, and I may say W.·. Bro. C. O. Davidson, W.·.M.·., Bro. R. I. Goodfellow, S.·.W.·., and Bro. Wm. Knox, J.·.W.·., are excellent and energetic officers, and well up in their work. The other officers also perform their work in a most satisfactory manner.

The lodge is very fortunate in having Bro. James Stewart as Secretary. He has filled that office for several years and his devotion to his duties has had a marked effect upon the welfare of the Lodge. Apart from his duties as Secretary he has given, with excellent results, many excellent papers on the principles of Masonry, during the year.

The lodge room is well furnished and carefully kept by an efficient Tyler, and the piano and furniture is insured for $600. During the year several "At-Homes" have been held with the view of bringing the brethren and their families into social intercourse. These have had a good effect.

The Lodge has passed a resolution recommending the adoption of the system of mileage to delegates, which I think will be a good means of enabling distant lodges to send delegates to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

I regret that, on account of the distance and pressure of work, I have been unable to visit Battle Lodge, No. 38, at Battleford, and owing, I suppose, to the indirect postal communication, I have not yet received the statistical report.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. McLELLAN,
D.D.G.M. District Number Six.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Seven, I respectfully report as follows :—

Freemasonry in District Number Seven is in a flourishing condition, and I may safely say that with the improved financial feeling, the future of our beloved Order is very promising.

During my visits I have noticed nothing but the best of brotherly feeling in the lodges.

I visited Brandon Lodge, No. 19, Brandon, on May 10th, that being the occasion of the official visit of M.·.W.·. Bro. Thos. Robinson, Grand Master. The F. C. degree was conferred by W.·. Bro. J. S. Brayfield and a very efficient staff of officers in a satisfactory manner, after which we had the pleasure of listening to a very able and interesting address on the "Early History of Freemasonry in Manitoba," by R.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.

Although there were a number of suspensions for N. P. D. in this Lodge during the past year, there are still a large number of members in arrears. I requested that with respect to these that the provisions of the Constitution be complied with. In proportion to total membership the average attendance of this Lodge is very unsatisfactory.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris : I visited this Lodge on two occasions, the first on March 4th ; M.·.W.·. Bro. Thos. Robinson, Grand Master, making, on that date, an official visit, when he delivered a very interesting address on "Masonic Jurisprudence." My next visit was on May 6th, at which the M.M. degree was conferred in a very able manner by M.·.W.·. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas and a staff of officers. The Secretary's books, in the experienced hands of M.·.W.·. Bro. Ovas, are perfect and a pleasure to inspect.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29, Carberry : I regret being unable to visit this Lodge in May as I intended. The Secretary has failed to send in the statistical report, although I applied for it on May 11th.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden : Being unable to attend the regular meeting of this Lodge in May, I requested an emergent meeting to be held on May 26th, and before I received their reply, that it was impossible to get the room on that date, it was too late to arrange another date, but on referring

to their statistical report, I find this Lodge in good condition. The Secretary informs me that dues, which are payable on June 24th, 1898, are included in the amount given as arrears, which will account in a measure for the apparantly large amount.

Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44, Oak Lake: This Lodge I was also unable to visit at their regular meeting in May as intended. I requested an emergent meeting to be held on May 25th, but was informed that it would be impossible to obtain a quorum on that date, after which I did not have time to arrange for another meeting.

Hartney Lodge, No. 52, Hartney: This being the Lodge of which I am a member, I have noted nearly all the work done. The officers having had plenty of practice, they having conferred no fewer than forty-five degrees during the past year, and it is needless for me to say that the work in this Lodge is done perfectly. I examined the books of the Secretary and found them in perfect order.

This Lodge is in a splended financial condition, there being about $400 in the treasury, and I think for a young lodge, that is a state of affairs to be proud of.

Composite Lodge, No. 64, Alexander: This Lodge, as requested by me, held an emergent meeting on May 27th, at which nearly every member was present. I find the members of this Lodge are very enthusiastic, there being very little change in the appearance of the pages of their register from one year's end to the other. Although the youngest lodge in the district it performs the work in a manner to compare favorably with the best. The F. C. degree was ably conferred by W.·. Bro. A. Fenwick assisted by his officers.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren for the honor bestowed and the many kindnesses received at their hands during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

G. A. COULTER,
D.D.G.M. District Number Seven.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District Number Eight, I respectfully report as follows:—

Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, Whitewood: I visited this Lodge on July 13th, 1897, saw a portion of the M.M. degree worked, and conferred the P.M. degree upon four Past Masters.

I again visited this Lodge on May 24th, 1898. I was very much pleased to note the efficiency with which the Worshipful Master performed his work, as well as all officers, being a very decided improvement over my previous visit. The books of the Lodge appeared to be neatly and accurately kept.

Qu'Apppelle Lodge, No. 34, Qu'Appelle Station: I visited this Lodge accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, on Monday afternoon, April 25th. Many of the members being farmers, and this being the time of seeding, the attendance was small. I regret to have to report that Masonry is not in the flourishing condition one might expect in such an old lodge, the books were in a bad tangle generally, and the impression I formed was that the Lodge had been allowed to "drift." Our reception, however, on the part of the brethren was very cordial, and a determination on their part to get things into shape and put new life into the Lodge was apparently the feeling of all present.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, Indian Head: The Deputy Grand Master, R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, and myself visited this Lodge on Monday evening, April 25th. By authority of the Grand Master, we held a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of dedicating their handsome new hall, a full report of which was transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

After the dedication ceremonies had been completed, I visited the Lodge officially. I found their books a model of accuracy and neatness; the general work of the Lodge good. Their fine new lodge room is handsomely furnished, and the Lodge entirely out of debt.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32, Fort Qu'Appelle: The Deputy Grand Master and myself visited this Lodge on Tuesday evening, April 26th. Comparisons are said to be odious, but even in view of this fact, I must call this the banner lodge of our District; the working of the Lodge appeared to be perfect, while the books in the hands of V.·.W.·. Bro. F. S. Proctor were accurate to the minutest detail; the brethren seemed to be imbued with a

proper conception of Freemasonry. The average attendance we found to be much larger here than elsewhere.

A large number of Masonic periodicals are taken by the different members.

Papers on different Masonic subjects of interest to the craft are regularly read.

This, I find, has been the means of instructing the brethren, creating a deeper Masonic zeal, and generally building up a successful and harmonious lodge.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, Grenfell: I visited this Lodge officially, Tuesday evening, 10th May. I saw the E.A. degree conferred on two candidates, and the M.M. degree conferred on one, both of which were creditably performed; the books of the Lodge are well kept.

The brethren have just taken possession of the fine new Masonic Temple, which they have erected to the purposes of Freemasonry. It is a great credit to their love and zeal for the Craft.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, Moosomin: I visited this Lodge officially on May 11th. Being a charter member of this Lodge, and being intimately acquainted with its whole history, my visit was merely a formal one.

The working of the Lodge is good, degrees properly conferred, and books carefully and correctly kept.

I made two visits to Broadview to get possession of charter of Wapananung Lodge, No. 46, as in July last they granted dimits to all their members, and thereby ceased to exist.

In consequence of some misunderstanding between two or three of the brethren, I was unable to accomplish the object of my visit. However, the Worshipful Master promised me that on receiving certain information from the Grand Secretary, he would return the charter and any Grand Lodge property which may be on hand.

Speaking of Masonry generally in the District, I am pleased to say there is a steady growth, and it appears to me of the right kind of Masons, the tone is healthy and sound.

At every Lodge that I visited a strong feeling was evinced in favor of the payment of delegates railway fares for the purpose of attending Grand Lodge, and in two or three cases Lodges seemed to think that Masonry in the Territories can never be satisfactorily and properly represented until such is done.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the many acts of kindness and the truly Masonic spirit shown on the part of the brethren at the different Lodges in the District which I visited.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS G. LEWIN,
D.D.G.M. District Number Eight.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Nine, I respectfully report as follows :—

Masonry is still progressing very satisfactorily throughout this District. Owing to absence from the District for three months at the beginning of the New Year, I have not been able to visit any of the outside Lodges, which is a matter of the deepest regret to me, but it could not be avoided, for reasons beyond my control.

Having received the authority from the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, I constituted the following Lodges, in form, and installed the Officers :

On August 2nd, at South Edmonton, Alberta, Acacia Lodge, No. 66; August 18th, at Lacombe, Alberta, Eureka Lodge, No. 65. Both Lodges have a good staff of officers and are doing good work; their prospects are very bright for the future.

On November 29th, I granted permission to Cascade Lodge, No. 42, to remove from the Town of Banff to the Village of Anthracite, believing this change would be for the best interest of Masonry at that point, having first obtained information that the great majority of the members of Cascade Lodge live at Anthracite.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton, of which I am a member, I visited officially on the 20th of May. The Worshipful Master, W.·. Bro. A. E. Braithwaite being absent, V.·.W.·. Bro. H. C. Taylor presided. The F. C. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The Secretary's books are well kept and the Lodge is in a prosperous condition

The official visits of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master to our Lodges has been productive of much good to the Craft in general in this district. These visits are specially appreciated where there are so many Masons who seldom have an opportunity of hearing Masonic lectures.

I have to thank the brethren of the District for their kindness and courtesy, extended to me during my official term.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. SUTTER,
D.D.G.M. District Number Nine.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Ten, I respectfully report as follows :—

In presenting an account of my stewardship I regret to state that I was unable to visit all the lodges assigned to my jurisdiction.

Procrastination, ever a subtle thief, advised a delay until after our invariably busy winter season, when some of the members of our local Lodge promised to accompany me in my visitation ; but, apparently, the stars in their courses fought against me—a broken limb, which confined me to the house for many weeks, illness in the family, and finally, a marriage, consumed the golden days, and necessarily the ducats, and prevented a tour of this district to which I had looked forward with pleasurable anticipation. However, frequent communications kept us in touch, and I may say, in a general way, that Freemasonry throughout this district, like this "Canada of ours," is in the ascendant.

North Star Lodge, No. 41, Lethbridge : On June 24th, 1898, I visited this Lodge officially, upon which occasion I installed the officers elect. North Star Lodge has lost a number of influential members during the past year—W.·. Bro. Robert Niven by death ; R.·.W.·. Bro. Norman T. Macleod and W.·. Bro. P. H. Belcher, and two sitting Wardens, Bros. E. W. Webb and Wm. S. McLeod, by removal.

Notwithstanding these losses a net increase of two is reported for the

year. The finances are in good condition, the Lodge having recovered from a loss of $400 by the failure of a building company in which it had a number of shares. $49.25 was dispensed in charity. The Secretary, also the Treasurer, keep model sets of books.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37, Macleod: On May 25th, 1898, I paid an official visit to this Lodge, an emergent meeting having been called for the purpose. About eighteen brethren were present. The Worshipful Master, Rev. Bro. Ronald Hilton, exemplified the F. C. degree in a most impressive and thorough manner, ably assisted by the Wardens. The Secretary was absent through illness, and unfortunately, neglected to send his books—an inspection of them was, of course, out of the question. The lodge room is neatly and comfortably furnished, and signs of prosperity are apparent. This Lodge is particularly fortunate in having a number of excellent Past Masters, who have not lost interest in its welfare when their occupancy of the chair ceased.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek: It was my intention to have visited this Lodge on the 26th of May, but a telegram from Bro. H. E. Hyde, Secretary, on the eve of my departure, announced that as the members were widely scattered, it would be impossible to have them together before the next regular meeting. I was, therefore, reluctantly compelled to abandon a much cherished visit to a Lodge that has a well deserved reputation for excellent work. In commenting upon the statistics sent me, the Secretary states: "As regards our average, it must be taken into consideration that there are only eight members of this lodge that live within seven miles of the town, and of these eight, seven have not missed a meeting." Certainly a good showing. They report $381.35 in the treasury.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, Medicine Hat: This lodge is apparently in a flourishing condition, despite the large amount of arrears of dues $279.50; at the close of the year 1897. The Treasurer reported a balance of cash on hand of $118.99.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, Maple Creek: No statistical report has reached me from this Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN D. HIGINBOTHAM,
D.D.G.M. District Number Ten.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), the Reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Report, as follows:

JOHN MCKECHNIE, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

DR.

1897.							
Jan.	1	To Balance on hand as per Report					$691 98
Mar.	29	" Interest				5 49	
May	27	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary				135 90	
June	19	"	"	"		203 50	
July	20	"	"	"		573 25	
Aug.	13	"	"	"		123 85	
Sept.	10	"	"	"		90 99	
Oct.	12	"	"	"		149 55	
Dec.	6	"	"	"		83 16	
1898.							
Jan.	4	"	"	"		218 10	
Jan.	10	"	"	"		360 48	
Jan.	28	"	"	"		376 25	
Feb.	28	"	"	"		252 38	
							2572 90
							$3264 88

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1897.			Order No.		
Mar.	30	By Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg,	734	$50	00
April	2	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	735	175	00
"	22	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	736	20	69
"		" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	737	28	06
"		" E. Hunter & Co.	738	2	00
"		" T. W. Taylor	739	2	05
"		" Wm. G. Scott. Grand Secretary	740	3	00
"		" The Copp, Clark Co	741	6	00
"		" Richard Alston	742	10	00
"		" Alberta Lodge No. 37	743	10	00
"		" E. W. Rugg Co.	744	14	75

April 22	By	McIntyre Bros.	745	$ 17	00
"	"	The Consolidated Stationery Co	746	21	40
"	"	John Thomson & Co.	747	99	50
"	"	J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary	748	100	00
June 29	"	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg,	749	50	00
July 6	"	Corbet Locke	750	115	50
" 21	"	H. S. Griffith	751	4	00
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	752	4	44
"	"	John Bailey	753	5	00
"	"	R. C. Johnstone	754	5	00
"	"	James Hooper	755	5	00
"	"	The Commercial Union Assurance Co	756	5	50
"	"	E. W. Rugg Co.	757	7	00
"	"	John Bailey	758	7	00
"	"	John McBride, Grand Tyler	759	10	00
"	"	T. W. Taylor	760	12	00
"	"	The Consolidated Stationery Co	761	23	60
"	"	McIntyre Bros.	762	24	25
"	"	Smith & James	763	30	00
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	764	45	43
"	"	D. R. Dingwall	765	53	00
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	766	75	00
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	767	175	00
"	"	The Copp Clark Co.	768	210	00
"	"	A. G. Hample	769	50	00
Aug. 30	"	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	770	50	00
Oct. 13	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	771	175	00
Nov. 26	"	McIntyre Bros	772	247	59
"	"	Russell & Co.	773	2	70
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	774	5	90
"	"	Bell & Clark	775	6	50
"	"	The Copp Clark Co.	776	9	50
"	"	The Guarantee Co. of North America	777	11	25
"	"	General Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada	778	13	20
"	"	McIntyre Bros.	779	13	50
"	"	Hart & Company	780	16	40
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	781	19	27
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	782	37	43
Dec. 6	"	E. W. Rugg Co.	783	8	75
" 6	"	Bell & Clark	784	13	00
" 28	"	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	785	50	00

Dec. 31	By Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	786	$175 00	
" " "	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	787	4 95	
" " "	Leslie Bros.	788	11 00	
" " "	E. W. Rugg Co.	789	15 50	
" " "	The Consolidated Stationery Co.	790	19 23	
" " "	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	791	40 18	
" " "	The Canadian Bank of Commerce	792	195 10	
" " "	Balance cash on hand		647 76	
				$3264 88

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

1897.		Dr.		
Jan. 1	To Balance cash on hand		$352 29	
May 31	" Interest		6 15	
Nov. 30	" "		5 46	
	Cr.			
Dec. 31	By Balance cash on hand			$363 90

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

1897.		Dr.		
Jan. 1	To balance cash on hand		$81 16	
May 31	" Interest		1 25	
Nov. 30	" "		88	
				$83 29
	Cr.			
1897.		Order No.		
Mar. 29	By Bow River Lodge No. 28	4	$25 00	
June 29	" P——— B———	5	10 00	
Dec. 31	" Balance cash on hand		48 29	
				$83 29

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1897.		Dr.		
January 1	To Balance cash on hand		$212 73	
Feb. 25	" Deposit		200 00	
1898.				
January 31	" Deposit		5 00	
" 31	" "		190 10	
				$607 83

1897.		Cr.	Order No.		
January	9	By Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	A. 5	$ 46 52	
"	9	" Hart & Company	" 6	11 75	
"	9	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	" 7	24 19	
"	9	" T. W. Taylor	" 8	91 00	
Feb'y	17	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	" 9	23 75	
"	17	" Hart & Company	" 10	15 52	
June	29	" Russell & Co	" 11	3 00	
"	29	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	" 12	5 00	
"	29	" Hart & Company	" 13	6 30	
"	29	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	" 14	6 72	
"	29	" Hart & Company	" 15	27 65	
"	29	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	" 16	30 95	
		" Balance cash on hand		315 48	
					$607 83

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report, as follows:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

In accordance with the requirements of our Constitution I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, my report for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS OF 1897.

Immediately after the close of our last Annual Communication the manuscript copy of the Proceedings was placed in the hands of the printers, and on August 16th, 1897, printed copies were distributed in the usual manner.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz:

Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Lacombe, Alberta, District No. 9, constituted August 12th, 1897, by R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles W. Sutter, District Deputy Grand Master.

Acacia Lodge, No. 66, South Edmonton, Alberta, District No. 9, constituted August 2nd, 1897, by R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles W. Sutter, District Deputy Grand Master.

NEW LODGE.

By direction of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master a dispensation was issued on June 12th, 1897, for a new lodge at Wawanesa, District No. 3, named Wawanesa Lodge, with ten charter members. The following are the officers named in the dispensation:—W.·. Bro. Joseph Cornell, W. Master; Bro. William S. Mooney, Senior Warden; Bro. William A. Ingram, Junior Warden.

The ceremonies of Institution were performed on July 16th, 1897, by R.·.W.·. Bro. William C. Hicks, District Deputy Grand Master.

DEDICATIONS.

By instructions from the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, the halls of the following Lodges have been dedicated for Craft purposes during the past year :

Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Banff, Alberta, District No. 9, on December 27th, 1897, by R.·.W.·. Bro. Hamilton Lang, Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, Indian Head, Assiniboia, District No. 8, on April 25th, 1898, by R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by R.·.W.·. Bro. Francis G. Lewin, District Deputy Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication, commissions for Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows :

July 7th, 1897—R.·.W.·. Bro. William Crawford, of Medicine Hat, from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. Duncan J. Campbell, dimitted.

December 1st, 1897—V.·.W.·. Bro. Herbert Hanks Goulter, of Virden, from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Leslie Newman.

January 1st, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. Alexander James Belch, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Deleware, re-appointed for period ending December 31st, 1900.

February 22nd, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. Peter McGregor, resigned.

Near other Grand Lodges.

July 23rd, 1897—R.·.W.·. Bro. Alexander O. Percy, of Gold Hill, near the Grand Lodge of Nevada, vice W.·. Bro. Joseph Carpenter, removed from the jurisdiction.

March 18th, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. William James Oaks, of Goodland, near the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. W. Wiley Stewart, resigned.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master :

Date.	No.	Name.	For What Granted.
1897.			
June 12	..53	Edmonton	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
June 12	..54	Oriental	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	..32	Qu'Appelle Valley	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	..49	Temple	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	..63	Holland	To elect and install Worshipful Master to fill vacancy created by the removal from the jurisdiction of W.·. Bro. Rev. Horace David Cooper.
June 23	..64	Composite	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 25	..27	Glenwood	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
Aug. 13	..52	Hartney	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
Oct. 11	..24	Neepawa	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
Nov. 11	..44	Oak Lake	To install Worshipful Master at regular meeting in October. Absence prevented his attendance on regular date of installation.
Nov. 11	..43	Lebanon	To wear Masonic clothing at an "At Home" under the auspices of the Lodge.
Dec. 14	..38	Battle	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 15	..	Wawanesa	To act upon petition for initiation of Charles Cannon, of Belmont, residing within the jurisdiction of Glenboro Lodge, No. 48.
Dec. 20	..36	Doric	To wear Masonic Clothing at Banquet.
1898.			
Jan. 6	.. 3	Ancient Landmark	Special installation of officers on January 10th, 1898. Absence from the jurisdiction of the Worshipful Master prevented his attendance on regular date of installation.
Jan. 25	..54	Oriental	Special installation of officers on February 3rd, 1898.
Feb. 5	..61	North West Mounted Police	To confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees at same meeting on Bro. John Foster Stewart, a member of the North-West Mounted Police, leaving for the Yukon.
Feb. 18	..13	Belmont	To confer the M.M. degree within the prescribed time on Bro. Samuel Nankin.
Feb. 18	..30	Manitou	To confer the M.M. degree within the prescribed time on Bro. William Winram.

Feb.	18	..50	Killarney	To confer the M.M. degree within the prescribed time on Bro. William James Cowan.
April	12	..25	Ionic	To elect and install a Junior Warden to fill the vacancy created by the removal to the Yukon of the brother elected to that office.
May	5	..25	Ionic	To confer the M.M. degree within the prescribed time on Bros. Wesley David Amos Bentley and Robert Anderson Pearson. This Lodge was unable to hold its regular meeting in April, owing to the Exhibition then being held in the Temple. An emergent meeting was held on April 15th, at which these brethren were passed to the F.C. degree, and at the regular meeting, May 6th, were raised to the M.M. degree.
May	12	..57	Evening Star	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
May	12	..57	Evening Star	To wear Masonic clothing at a Lecture.

The three foregoing dispensations were issued to enable the Lodges to exemplify the work at emergent meetings, on the occasion of the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master who was unable to attend on the dates of the regular meetings.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master refused to grant dispensations as follows :—

June 15th, 1897, Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, and Brandon Lodge, No. 19, to appear in Masonic clothing in a public procession on Jubilee day.

November 16th, 1897, Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, to confer two degrees on one candidate at the November meeting.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, to confer the M.M. degree within the prescribed time, the reasons advanced not, in his opinion, being sufficient to warrant a departure from our laws.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

With few exceptions the Lodges have been prompt in making returns and in the payment of their annual dues, and I am pleased to report that the half-yearly returns, with the full amount of Grand Lodge fees and dues, have been received from all the lodges in the jurisdiction. Many of these show care and competency on the part of the Secretaries, while in others errors are quite as numerous as in previous years. I will not, as in former years, enter into a detailed account of the errors found in these returns, but they are sufficiently

numerous to abandon the hope of ever obtaining correct reports from some of the Lodges in the jurisdiction.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved, of the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:

March 16th, 1898. Cascade Lodge, No. 42.
March 23rd, 1898. Russell Lodge, No. 62.
April 12th, 1898. Birtle Lodge, No. 39.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:

July 16th, 1897, Innisfail Lodge, No. 58.
Oct. 8th, 1897. Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.
Oct. 8th, 1897. Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.
Oct. 13th, 1897. Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.
Oct. 30th, 1897. Birtle Lodge, No. 39.
Dec. 15th, 1897. Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
April 15th, 1898. Lisgar Lodge, No. 2.

LODGE INCORPORATED.

During the past year Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton, Alberta, was incorporated under the provisions of Ordinance No. 34, of 1895, of the North-West Territories.

STATISTICAL.

The returns show that the various Lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition, although a proportionately small amount of work has been done during the year.

While it will be seen that a few Lodges have fallen off in membership, yet, upon the whole, general prosperity prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

The following is a synopsis of the returns at the close of the year 1897:

INCREASE.

Initiated		192
Passed	169	
Raised	168	
Joined		71
Restored		15
Total increase for the year		278

DECREASE.

Dimitted	114	
Died	25	
Suspended for N.P.D.	88	
Number of Members of Extinct Lodges, (Nos. 46 and 59)	25	
Total decrease for the year		252
Leaving a net gain of		26
Total Membership		2669

FINANCIAL.

The financial statements show a considerable falling off in revenue during the past year, but the fact must not be overlooked that the previous year was one of exceptional prosperity.

As the tide of immigration has turned in this direction, and as new towns and villages are springing up on the lines of railway now being constructed, we have hopeful prospects of abundant prosperity in the years to come.

I have pleasure in submitting statements and exhibits of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1897, a copy of which has been transmitted to each member of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by W.·. Bro. Peter Rutherford (13), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies received during fiscal year ending December 31st, 1897.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$146 70
2.	Lisgar	42 50
3.	Ancient Landmark	106 60
4.	St John's	97 60
6.	Emerson	26 50
7.	Assiniboine	55 25
8.	King Solomon	21 50
9.	Oakland	35 50
10.	Northern Light	41 00
11.	Gladstone	20 25
12.	Stonewall	13 00
13.	Belmont	59 40
14.	Prince of Wales	38 85
15.	Corinthian	34 70
16.	Kinistino	47 00
19.	Brandon	69 20
23.	Wascana	48 20
24.	Neepawa	31 90
25.	Ionic	77 60
26.	Moose Jaw	21 50
27.	Glenwood	37 00
28.	Bow River	63 70
29.	Carberry	42 25
30.	Manitou	32 70
31.	Medicine Hat	22 00
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	23 50
33.	Indian Head	42 75
34.	Qu'Appelle	13 50
35.	Moosomin	59 65
36.	Doric	37 75
37.	Alberta	52 85
38.	Battle	19 25
39.	Birtle	23 25
40.	Deloraine	43 45
41.	North Star	$38 50
42.	Cascade	19 50
43.	Lebanon	20 50
44.	Oak Lake	13 75
45.	Spitzie	15 00
47.	Ashlar	29 55
48.	Glenboro	21 25
49.	Temple	24 50
50.	Killarney	18 85
51.	Treherne	15 50
52.	Hartney	57 20
53.	Edmonton	55 25
54.	Oriental	16 00
55.	East Star	19 75
56.	Maple Leaf	22 25
57.	Evening Star	35 25
58.	Innisfail	7 50
60.	Perfection	33 50
61.	North West Mounted Police	35 70
62.	Russell	37 75
63.	Holland	50 40
64.	Composite	50 35
65.	Eureka	65 00
66.	Acacia	71 80
	Wawanesa	30 00
	Other sources as follows:	
	Constitutions	1 00
	Past Masters Certificates	1 00
	Blank Books and Forms	204 46
	Extinct Lodges	5 00
	Fixtures	3 00
		$2,567 41

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

Initiations	$ 384 00	Blank Books and Forms	224 46
Dues	1291 75	Extinct Lodges	5 00
Certificates	342 00	Lodge Seals	14 00
Past Masters Certificates	34 00	Fixtures	3 00
Life Membership Fees	40 00	Russell Lodge No. 62, (over payment)	6 50
Life Membership Certificates	5 00		$2,567 41
Charters	61 00		
Constitutions	99 70		
Dispensations	57 00		

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CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from January 1st to December 31st, 1897, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

DR.		CR.	
1897.		1887.	
Dec. 31, To Receipts	$2,560 91	May 28. By Grand Treas.	$135 90
" Russell Lodge No. 62, over payment	6 50	June 19. " "	203 50
		July 20. " "	573 25
		Aug 13. " "	123 85
		Sept. 13. " "	90 99
		Oct. 12. " "	149 55
		Dec. 6. " "	83 16
		Dec. 31. " "	218 10
		1898.	
		Jan. 11. " "	360 48
		Jan. 28. " "	376 25
		Feby. 28. " "	252 38
	$2,567 41		$2,567 41

YEARLY STATEMENT.

DECEMBER 31ST, 1897.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$ 47 00
Charters	40 55
Constitutions	15 91
Initiations	384 00
Dues	1291 75
Certificates	287 10
Life Membership Fees	40 00
Life Membership Certificates	1 70
Past Masters Certificates	19 12
Blank Books and Forms	51 81
Extinct Lodges	5 00
Interest	13 74
Lodge Seals	1 00

LOSSES.

Fixtures	$ 65 42	
Expense	63 70	
Printing	306 74	
Books and Stationary	89 21	
Postage	157 45	
Rent	200 00	
Telegraphing	22 37	
Salaries	700 00	
By-Laws	29	
Library Fixtures	16 00	
Regalia	9 25	
Wapananung Lodge No. 46	1 00	
Benevolent Fund Account	35 00	
Special Grants	183 50	
Insurance	13 00	
Funeral Expenses late J. H. Bell	111 50	
Contingent Expenses	80 00	
Net Gain	144 25	
	$2,198 68	$2,198 68

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·.W.·.Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to submit my Twelveth Annual Report as your Librarian and in doing so am pleased to state that our stock of books has been increased by a large number of Masonic and miscellaneous books, magazines, periodicals, &c. During the year there has been added to the Library the following, viz :—

PROCEEDINGS, DIGESTS, &C. DONATED BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED BRETHREN:

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary—
Bound volumes (3) of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from June 24th, 1869, to June 18th, 1896. Also a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1887.

R.·.W.·. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John C. Dreury, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1898.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary—
Bound volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1898.

W.·. Bro. Wm. Gibbs, Selkirk, Man.—
Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England (edition of 1873).

R.·.W.·. Bro. W. J. Hughan, Torquay, England—
Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England (edition of 1884).

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas M. Read, Grand Secretary—
The Masonic Code of Washington.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Hurssell—
The New York Masonic Code, compiled by R.·.W.·. Bro. William T. Woodruff.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Hurssell—
The Principles of Masonic Law, by Bro. Albert G. Mackay.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles C. Stevenson, Grand Secretary—
Masonic Code and Digest of the Grand Lodge of Idaho (1897).

R.·.W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary—
The Law of Freemasonry in North Dakota.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary—
Masonic Constitution and Code of South Carolina (1897).

R.·.W.·. Bro. Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.—
Report of the Masonic Home of Philadelphia; the Report of the Board of Directors of City Trusts of Philadelphia; the Records of the erection and unveiling of the statute of Stephen Girard, City Hall Plaza, Philadelphia.

V.·.W.·. Bro. John Chapman, Torquay, England—
The Early History and Antiquity of Freemasonry, by George F. Fort.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Hursell—
The True Masonic Guide, by Rev. Robert Macoy.

Bro. James C. Crawford, Secretary—
History of Palestine Lodge, No. 79, A.F. & A.M., Duluth, Minnesota.

W.·. Bro. Robert Brown, Morden, Man.—
Ahiman Rezon (Masonic Library, 1852); The Antiquities of Freemasonry, by Rev. George Oliver, D.D.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago—
Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois for 1897; Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Selected Masters of Illinois for 1897; and Proceedings of the Grand Commandary Knight Templars of Illinois.

Bro. Rev. T. Hunter Boyd—
Masonic Antiquity—a paper read by Bro. Orltre Cooper, London, England; Authorities and Brief Descriptive Notes of the Model of Herod's Temple in the time of Our Lord.

W.·. Bro. Wm. Hill, Winnipeg—
Outlines of the History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec, by M.·.W.·. Bro. John A. Graham, LL.D.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Sargant, Grand Scribe E., Toronto, Ont.—
Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Will H. White, Grand Chancellor—
Proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada for 1897.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Will H. White, Grand Scribe E.—
Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec for 1898.

In addition to the foregoing the usual number of Grand Lodge Proceedings have been received and are gratefully acknowledged.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS AND MAGAZINES DONATED.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONATED BY.
The Woman Who Did.	Grant Allen....	M.·.W.·.Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, D.D.
Donovan	Edna Lyall....	M.·.W.·.Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, D.D.
Pot Pouri of Gifts—Literary and Artistic; edited by W.	Grand Stevenson.	Bro. Rev. T. Hunter Boyd.
The Works of Rev. Jonathan Swift, D.D.—3 Vols.....		Mr. A. W. Houston Stewart, Stony Mountain, Man.
Report of the population of the United States at the Eleventh Census 1890, Part II		Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator
Eleventh Census of the United States Part I, Vital Statistics.....		Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator
Government Reports, 16 Volumes..		R.·.W.·.Bro. George B. Murphy, Moosomin, Assiniboia.
Belgravia, Vol. X.....		M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, D.D.
Blackwoods Magazine, Edinburgh, (19 numbers) June, 1896, to May 1897, and November, 1897, to May, 1898, also five copies Medico-Legal Journal		W.·. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank, M.D., Rapid City, Man.

PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGES, GRAND CHAPTERS AND GRAND COMMANDERIES, BOUND AND PLACED IN LIBRARY.

Grand Lodge of California	2 Vols.	1894-1897.
Grand Lodge of Canada	5 Vols.	1866-1870, 1880-1884, and 1887-1896.
Grand Lodge of Colorado	1 Vol.	1893-1897.
Grand Lodge of Dakota	2 Vols.	1875-1889.
Grand Lodge of Kansas.....	1 Vol.	1895-1897.
Grand Lodge of Kentucky	2 Vols.	1887-1888, 1891-1892.
Grand Lodge of Louisiana	4 Vols.	1879-1890.
Grand Lodge of Maine.....	2 Vols.	1894-1897.
Grand Lodge of Minnesota	1 Vol.	1876-1879.
Grand Lodge of Montana.....	1 Vol.	1894-1897.
Grand Lodge of New Hampshire	1 Vol.	1895-1897.
Grand Lodge of New Jersey	2 Vols.	1870-1877.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina .....2 Vols. 1876-1880, 1886-1889.
Grand Lodge of Ohio.....2 Vols. 1886-1894.
Grand Lodge of Quebec .....3 Vols. 1886-1897.
Grand Lodge of South Carolina.....4 Vols. 1869-1873, 1879-1893.
Grand Lodge of Texas..... .....1 Vol. 1895-1897.
Grand Lodge of Virginia, ...5 Vols. 1868-1882.
Grand Lodge of Vermont.....5 Vols. 1864-1870, 1874-1881.
Grand Chapter of California. .....1 Vol. 1872-1876.
Grand Chapter of Canada. .....5 Vols. 1866-1874. 1880-1894.
Grand Chapter of Dakota .....1 Vol. 1885-1889.
Grand Chapter of Ohio .....2 Vols. 1890-1894.
Grand Chapter of Oregon ....1 Vol. 1895-1897.
Grand Chapter of Quebec ....3 Vols. 1877-1896.
Grand Commandery of California.....1 Vol. 1886-1889.
Great Priory of Canada ..... 3 Vols. 1880-1894.
Grand Commandery of Colorado ... .1 Vol. 1890.1894.
Grand Commandery of Dakota ....1 Vol. 1884-1889.
Grand Commandery of Illinois .....1 Vol. 1894-1896.
Grand Commandery of Kentucky .....1 Vol. 1880-1885.

MASONIC PERIODICALS, BOUND AND PLACED IN LIBRARY.

The Canadian Craftsman (Toronto), 15 vols.
The Freemason, (Toronto), 4 vols.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, BOUND.

Annals of the American Academy of Social and Political Science..... 3 vols.
Transactions of the Lodge Quator Coronati, No. 2076..... 1 vol.
St. John's Card Lodge Quator Coronati, No. 2076 ..... 1 vol.
Reports Lodge Quator Coronati No. 2076 ..... 2 vols.
Poems ..... 3 vols.
History, War of Independence ..... 1 vol.
Harper's Magazine ..... 1 vol.
Fiction ..... 1 vol.

WORKS ON FREEMASONRY, PURCHASED.

An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences, by Albert G. Mackey (new and revised edition).
Mystic Masonry, or the Symbols of Freemasonry and the Greater Mysteries of Antiquity, by J. D. Buck, M.D.
Washington and his Masonic Compeers, by Sydney Hayden.
Light and Shadows of the Mystic Tie, by Rob Morris, LL.D. and Albert G. Mackey, M.D.

The Traditions, Origin and Early History of Freemasonry, by A. F. C. Pierson and Godfrey W. Steinbreuner.

The Canadian Craftsman, October, 1866 to Sept. 1869, 1 vol.

Report of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. Vol. II., 1801 to 1810.

Standard Ahiman Rezon and Blue Lodge Guide.

WORKS ON CANADA, PURCHASED.

The Northern Lakes, by Rev. W. W. Walker.

Overland to Cariboo, by Margaret McNaughton.

Manitoba Memories, by Rev. Geo. Young, D.D.

Over the Border, or Acadia the Home of Evangeline.

The Manuscript Journals of Alexander Henry, Fur Trader of the North-West Company, and of David Thompson, Official Geographer and Explorer of the same Company. 3 vols.

Across the Sub-Arctics, by J. W. Tyrell, C.E., D.L.S.

The Barren Grounds of Northern Canada, by Warburton Pike.

Humors of '37, Grave, Gay and Grim, or Rebellious Times in the Canadas, by Robina and Kathleen McFarlane Lizars.

Letters from a Young Emigrant in Manitoba.

Canada First, A Memorial of the late Wm. A. Foster, Q.C.

A History of Canada, by Charles C. D. Roberts.

Reminiscences of the North-West Rebellion, by Major Boulton.

Thirteen Years on the Prairies, by John P. Pennefather, M.D.

The Making of the Canadian West, by R. G. McBeth, M.A.

FICTION, PURCHASED.

A Chance Acquaintance, by W. Dean Howells.

Under the Red Robe, by Stanley J. Weyman.

The Heart of Princess Osra, by Anthony Hope.

Pierre and His People, Tales of the Far North, by Gilbert Parker.

The Light that Failed, by Rudyard Kipling.

St. Ives, by Robert Louis Stevenson.

The Reds of the Midi, by Felix Gras.

The Mystery of Choice, by Robert W. Chambers.

With Edged Tools, by Henry Seton Merriman.

Zeska, by Marie Corelli.

When Valmond came to Pontiac, by Gilbert Parker.

The City of Refuge, by Sir Walter Besant.

A Fountain Sealed, by Sir Walter Besant.

Scarlet and Steel, by E. Livingston Prescott.

The Grey Lady, by Henry Seton Merriman.

In Kedar's Tents, by Henry Seton Merriman.
Lads Love, by S. R. Crocket.
An African Millionaire, by Grant Allen.
The Clash of Arms, by John Bloundelle-Burton.
Uncle Bernac, by A. Conan Doyle.
The Christian, by Hall Caine.
Quo Vadis, by Henryk Sienkienviez.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS PURCHASED.

Geraldine, A Souvenir of the St. Lawrence.
Excursions, by Henry David Thoreau.
Baddeck and that Sort of Thing, by Charles Dudley Warney.
From Blonodin to Sinoky, by Frank Bolles.
Foreign and Colonial Speeches, by the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.
England's Ideal and other Papers on Social Subjects, by Edward Carpenter.
Essays and Addresses, by Bernard Bosanquet, M.A.
Farthest North, by Fredtjof Nansen. 2 vols.
A Short History of the Union Jack, by William Henry Holmes, B.C.L.
A History of Our Own Times, by Justin McCarthy.
The Story of Gladstone's Life, by Justin McCarthy.
When all the Woods are Green, by S. Weir Mitchell.
A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, by Henry D. Thoreau.
The Habitat and other French Canadian Poems, by William Henry Drummond.
Heart Songs, by Jean Blewett.
Deeds That Won the Empire, by Rev. W. H. Fritchett.
Equality, by Edward Bellamy.
Harper's Monthly Magazine, 25 vols.

Exclusive of unbound proceedings, pamphlets and Government publications two hundred and thirty volumes have been added to the nine hundred volumes reported in the preceding three years, making a total of eleven hundred and thirty volumes added in four years.

The Library is now replete with Masonic history, jurisprudence and general literature, and it is a matter of regret that more interest is not evinced in our valuable collection of volumes.

OTHER DONATIONS.

In addition to the books reported under "Miscellaneous," our grateful thanks are due to the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator, for his kindness in supplying from year to year "The Congressional Record," containing the debates of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

Our thanks are also due to M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, D.D., for a copy of "The Sun," issued at London, England, on July 10th, 1838, and to W.·. Bro. J. J. Erskine, of East Selkirk, for a copy (framed) of Time Table No. 1, issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

BOOK CASES.

Should it be decided to continue the annual grant to the Library it will be necessary to provide additional book cases. Books, pamphlets and proceedings are accumulating very rapidly, and at the present rate of progress every portion of space in the Library will be needed.

FINANCIAL.

The balance at the credit of the Library account at the close of the fiscal year was $315.48. Since that date the sum of $234.05 has been expended, leaving a balance of $81.43 at the opening of Grand Lodge to pay for books already selected.

READING ROOM.

The sum of $85 has been expended during the past year in providing periodicals, &c., for the Reading Room. Of this amount $60 was donated by the Winnipeg Lodges and W.·. Bro. E. W. Rugg, publisher of the *Masonic Directory*, kindly donated $25 for the same purpose. Thanks are due Bro. Rugg for his generosity.

The Reading Room does not grow in favor with the fraternity. The attendance during the evenings is small, notwithstanding that the tables and files are supplied with a complete assortment of magazines, daily papers, and all that is best in current periodical literature.

The rooms are well furnished and attractive, and visiting brethren from our own and other jurisdictions are welcomed.

THANKS TO PUBLISHERS.

Our thanks are again tendered to the Publishers of the following papers, magazines and periodicals for their kindness in supplying their respective publications free of charge, viz.:

"Telegram," Toronto, daily edition.
"Manitoba Free Press," Winnipeg daily edition.
"Tribune," Winnipeg, "
"Nor'Wester," Winnipeg, "
"Courier," Perth, Ont., weekly edition.

"Silent Echo," Winnipeg, monthly edition.
"Western World," Toronto, "
"American Tyler," Chicago, Ill., weekly edition.
"Voice of Masonry," Chicago, Ill., monthly edition.
"Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind., monthly edition.
"Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal. "
"Masonic Chronicle," New York, "
"Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio, "
"Kansas Freemason," Wichita, Kansas, "
"Australian Keystone," Melbourne, Victoria, "
"Freemason," Toronto, Ont., "
"Craftsman, Toronto, Ont., "

THANKS TO LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

In conclusion I desire to thank M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara, and R.·.W.·. Bro. W. A. Windatt, of the Library Committee, for their ever ready advice and assistance in all that has tended to the welfare and progress of the Library. While the Library Committee has no executive duties to perform, I have at all times invoked the assistance of these two brethren, which has been cheerfully given, and I trust that they may long continue in the good work, and that their interest in the Craft may remain unabated through the many years of active life which we all hope Providence has in store for them.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by W.·. Bro. John Phelan (30), the Report of the Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:

That V.·.W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts was elected President, and V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, Vice-President, at the regular meeting held on Friday, June 18th, 1897. The various standing and special committees were also then elected.

The sum of $115.50 was voted to cover travelling and other expenses of M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, during his term of office as Grand Master.

At a special meeting held November 30th, 1897, a resolution was passed authorizing the issue of a certificate to enable Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, to become incorporated under an Ordinance of the North-West Territories, known as No. 34, of 1895. At the same meeting the question of allowing mileage to delegates was referred to a Special Committee.

The Special Committee on mileage reported on January 13th, 1898, and their report, and the statistics accompanying, were ordered to be transmitted to the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, with a request that each give an expression of its opinion on the question.

Thirty-two out of the fifty-nine Lodges complied, thirteen being in favor of and nineteen opposed to the proposition.

The Board then resolved to submit the report of the Special Committee, together with all correspondence, to Grand Lodge for action thereon.

The question of a Masonic Home, which had also been referred to the Board, was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Charity. After several discussions this Committee adopted a report which the Board presents to Grand Lodge for consideration.

The Board, on the authorization of Grand Lodge, has caused a suitable testimonial to be procured for presentation to M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, and recommend that the same be presented to the distinguished brother at the present Communication.

The Board has considered and adopted the reports of the various committees submitted herewith.

The Board does not give any expression of opinion as to the desirability of its dissolution, preferring to leave action to Grand Lodge.

The Board concurs in the recommendation of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, that, in future, the Directors of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg will endeavor as far as possible to get the different bodies meeting therein to arrange that no meetings be therein held during the week in which Grand Lodge meets, as such meetings interfere with committee work, and also preclude any exemplification of the ritual for the edification of the brethren.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire at this Communication:

R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie,
" " " Wm. A. Windatt,
" " " John Chambers,
V.·. " " Herman J. Eberts,
R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland,
" " " J. Thompson Black,
V.·. " " James A. Carley,
" " " Wm. E. Hazley.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), seconded by W.·. Bro. Wm. T. Vincent (12), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred portion of the Address of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, begs to report that it quite agrees with the proposition of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, as stated by the Grand Secretary thereof in 1875: "That it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as to the initiation of a candidate not perfect in his body, etc." Your Committee thinks that a candidate ought to be able to comply with the work and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge; should be mentally and morally worthy, and a fit and proper person to be made a Mason.

Your Committee agrees with the ruling of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master: "That if a candidate for admission suffer from any physical defect, he shall not be initiated without the permission of the Grand Master," and further, that such permission shall be asked for only after the Lodge to which application has been made, has passed a resolution to that effect after the nature of the defect shall have been clearly stated in such resolution, and in the application to the Grand Master, in order that all parties most interested shall bear their own proper responsibility.

HEALING.

Your Committee agrees with the advice of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master that the course for a member of that defunct organization to take is to obtain a certificate of standing from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), and present that certificate with his application for membership to any Lodge in this jurisdiction, and such Lodge may then proceed in the usual way as upon applications for affiliation.

Your Committee agrees with the decisions of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, which they find to be in accordance with Masonic law and usage.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John K. Patton (14), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers, from the Committee on the State of Masonry, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry in this jurisdiction begs to report as follows:

Your Committee has found it very difficult to prepare a report for this session, owing to the dilatory manner in which various reports have been received by your Committee.

Your Committee has examined the reports of Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10, and, from the statements therein contained, find that while in some Districts growth and improvement is shown: in others there appears to be a great falling off in interest and attention.

The District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2, reports having visited only one of the four Lodges in his district. This neglect is to be regretted, and while we sympathize with our brother in the circumstances causing such a condition, your Committee is of the opinion that, during a term of twelve months, surely time sufficient could have been arranged to have visited each Lodge at least once during that time. The District Deputy Grand Master reports all the Lodges as in good financial condition, but omits statistical report.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3, was received by your Committee on June 6th, and is very brief. The District Deputy Grand Master of this district does not seem to have realized or grasped the duties of his office, having visited only two of the Lodges in the district. These, he reports, are in good financial condition, and the officers

proficient in the working of the degrees. Your Committee is of the opinion that this district requires an officer with energy and willingness to work, and who would infuse into them some enthusiasm and life. A record of only five meetings for one Lodge and seven for another during the year, shows a lamentable lack of interest. Your Commmittee is of the opinion that more frequent visits and closer attention by the District Deputy of the Grand Master would cause a great improvement.

From the report of the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4, it is quite evident that in this district Freemasonry is in a satisfactory condition, that the lodges are under the guidance of careful and painstaking officers, and that every effort is being used to make Freemasonry what it should always be: "A moral strength in the community."

The statististical report is very complete and shows clearly that numerically and financially No. 4 District is progressing. Your Committee notes with regret that only two of the Lodges in the District safeguard their property by insurance against fire.

Your Committee note the remarks of the District Deputy Grand Master concerning neglect of Lodge Secretaries in keeping Historical Register correct, and his suggestion to assist in remedying the defect by an album of members' photographs.

Your Committee is of the opinion that while the suggestion might be utilized, they feel that the Historical Register, as provided for by the Constitution, is much more simple to manage, and, if this is not done, it is doubtful if an album of photographs with biographical sketches would be any improvement; further, the Constitution states plainly that it is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to see that the lodge books are correctly kept.

The suggestion of the District Deputy Grand Master for a demonstration of the Ritual during the session of Grand Lodge, is worthy of attention and might be acted upon with much advantage if arrangements could be made. Your Committee has been informed that an effort was made by one of the city Lodges to carry out such a suggestion during the present session of Grand Lodge, but the idea was abandoned owing to the fact that it was found it would conflict with other meetings in the Masonic Temple.

The District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5 reports having visited each of the Lodges in his District once officially during his term of office, and from his report your Committee find that the Lodges in this district are in fair condition. That the officers are well qualified and interested in their work. The membership shows a slight decrease, but future prospects are bright.

District No. 6 labors under its bi-annual difficulty, having only two Lodges, situated one at each extreme of the district, and each receiving a visit from the District Deputy Grand Master only when that officer happens to be a member of the Lodge visited. A very satisfactory report is received from Kinistino Lodge. The officers of this Lodge appear to be zealous in their work, and are paying much attention to the social and instructive parts of the Craft, as a necessary consequence brightness and harmony prevail. Special attention is directed to the fact that not one member of this Lodge is one year or over in arrears of dues, and with a membership of 49 the total arrears of dues is only $36.50. A commendable condition and worthy of imitation. There is no report of any kind from Battle Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 7 presents a fairly favorable report as to the condition of Masonry in his district. Has visited only four of seven Lodges in the district, two of which were upon the occasion of visits from the M.·.W.·. Grand Master. The cause for this apparent neglect of duty is quite clear from the dates given of visits made or intended. All seem to have been delayed to the last moment; three of these meetings having been called to take place several days after his report as District Deputy Grand Master should have been in the hands of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master. The general state of Masonry in this district appears to be good. Nearly all Lodges report an increase in membership, while the financial condition is very satisfactory. The officers are proficient in their work and the average attendance shows that the members are interested in the success of their several Lodges.

The District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 9 reports that "in a general way Masonry is still progressing very satisfactorily throughout his District."

District No. 9 comprises seven Lodges, and only one Lodge visited while two were constituted. Your Committee has no comments to make. The statistical report contains no information upon which to express an opinion. Your Committee note the removal of Cascade Lodge, No. 42, from Banff to Anthracite and express the hope that this Lodge, like Noah's dove, has found a permanent resting place and that the change of location will prove beneficial to it.

The District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10 reports that Masonry throughout this District "is in the ascendant." Has visited two Lodges and reports them as being well looked after by the officers and show evidence of prosperity. The finances of all are in good condition, which is fully borne out by the statistical report

As already stated, your Committee has found great difficulty in preparing and presenting a satisfactory report upon the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction owing to the limited time at their disposal, caused by delay in receiving reports. The officers, upon whom devolved the duty of safeguarding the interests of Masonry as relating to individual Lodges, have, with few noteworthy exceptions, neglected doing so. Your Committee consider it their duty to again refer to the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters as set forth in the Book of Constitution: "That he shall visit each lodge in his district at least once during his term of office;" and to Section 61, governing time for sending in reports. It is impossible for a committee to properly consider reports received within one or two days prior to opening of Grand Lodge. The necessity and advantage of visits from Grand Lodge officers is one of annual mention, yet it is as regularly neglected. It is hardly to be expected that Lodges will comply with our laws, when those who should by precept and example be a guide, habitually neglect them.

Your Committee notes the number of visits made by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, and the impressions made upon him as to the satisfactory condition of our Order in the jurisdiction, and the useful work being done. Your Committee is further pleased to note the lectures given by him during these visits, and to share the hope that the knowledge thus imparted will be productive of great good.

Your Committee notes the reference of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master concerning the appointment of a Grand Lodge Lecturer, and did the finances of Grand Lodge permit, would be pleased to see such an officer or several of them appointed; brethren well qualified, and who, if they accepted, would perform their duty; and your Committee is of the opinion that regular visits from such an officer, whether for lectures on Masonic or other kindred subjects, or for demonstration of our Ritual would cause a revival of interest in the work and aims of our Order.

Your Committee agrees with the suggestion of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master that as far as possible, lodge meetings should not be held during the week in which Grand Lodge is held. Many of the members being intimately connected with such meetings, interferes very much with Grand Lodge work.

Your Committee concurs in the remarks of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, regarding the evil effects on Craft Masonry of the modern practice of hurrying young and uninformed Masons through the higher degrees of Masonry (so called) before they have had an opportunity of holding office in the Lodge, or becoming acquainted with the true principles of Craft Masonry.

Reports have been received from the District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts Nos. One and Eight, but too late for consideration.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN CHAMBERS,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

In presenting this Report your Committee has thought it advisable, for this year at least, to confine itself to matters of Foreign Relations, immediately pressing upon the attention of our Grand Lodge. Of these two in particular call for comment and report by your Committee.

1. THE GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

As announced to Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Peru has cut itself off from the true body of Masonry by its departure from one of the most fundamental principles and landmarks of the Craft, viz: the recognition of the Bible as one of the Great Lights of Masonry and as the safeguard and guide of the faithful Freemasons life and conduct.

In view of this action, your Committee would strongly endorse the course suggested by the Grand Master in his address, and we suggest that such action be taken as will lead to a severance of all Masonic relationship between this Grand Lodge and that of Peru.

2. THE GRAND LODGE OF BELGIUM.

The Grand Lodge of Belgium having applied for the appointment of a Representative, your Committee is of opinion that this application should stand over for a year. The whole subject of the appointment of Grand Representatives requires, in the opinion of your Committee, very careful consideration, and they would cordially endorse the suggestion of the Grand Master that a committee of Grand Lodge be appointed to examine into and report upon this matter.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Hill Myers (14), the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Finance fraternally report that during the year 1897 it authorized payment of the accounts, as presented by the Grand Secretary in the summary submitted by him, which has been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

We find the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, on the 31st of December, 1897, to be as follows:

Current Account	$647 76
Special Account	363 90
Benevolent Account	48 29
Making the total available assets at that date	$1059 95

Your Committee recommend that appropriations be made for the following amounts :

Services of the Grand Tyler and Assistant	$15 00
Committee on Credentials	25 00
Special Reporter	10 00

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. W. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor (4), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith, from the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the following report :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Lodges under Dispensation respectfully report that the books and returns of one Lodge submitted to them for examination, viz.:

WAWANESA LODGE, WAWANESA, DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Dispensation granted 12th June, 1897, to Joseph Cornell, Worshipful Master; William S. Mooney, Senior Warden; William A. Ingram, Junior Warden, and seven others. The Lodge was instituted 16th July, 1897. The Lodge has had nine regular and one emergent meetings; initiated five and passed one. Present membership, fourteen. Charges for degrees $30; annual dues $5; cash balance on hand $31.55. Regular meetings were held on the third Monday in each month, but the Lodge desires to change the same to the Monday on or before full moon.

While we find slight irregularities in the minutes and no certified transcript of attendance at meetings was submitted to us, we are pleased to recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

"Resolved, that a Charter be granted to Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67, at Wawanesa, Manitoba, continuing the present officers, and permitting the said Lodge to hold its regular meetings on the Monday on or before full moon."

Fraternally submitted,

J. OBED SMITH,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee, to which was referred the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, beg leave to report:

That it has referred the several portions of the address to the proper Standing Committees as follows:

To the Committee on the State of Masonry, the suggestion as to the necessity for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, or that qualified brethren should deliver lectures on Masonic subjects at Lodge meetings or at gatherings of the brethren.

To the same Committee the references to the State of Masonry in this jurisdiction and the visits of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master to the subordinate Lodges.

To the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation that portion referring to the "Organization of New Lodges."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence that portion referring to the following subjects:

"Revision of the Constitution."
"Physical Qualification."
"Dispensations Issued and Refused."
"Decisions."
"System of Grand Representatives."
"Clandestine Grand Lodge of Ontario."

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence that portion referring to the following subjects:

"Grand Lodge of Peru."
"Exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Belgium."

To the Committee on Benevolence and Charity that portion referring to "Furnishing a ward in the Jubilee Wing of the Winnipeg General Hospital."

To the Board of General Purposes that portion recommending that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on certain brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

C. N. BELL,
J. W. HARRIS,
D. W. McDERMID, } *Committee.*

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. David H. McFadden (6), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.·.W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black, from the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee of the Board of General Purposes appointed to report on the Grand Secretary's Annual Report has carefully considered same and beg

to express its satisfaction that some progress has been made during the past year.

Since last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, charters have been issued to two new Lodges, which were duly constituted in ancient and prescribed form. Two new halls have been dedicated to Craft purposes during the past year.

Your Committee is pleased to note that the constituent Lodges have been prompt in making their returns and that all dues have been paid. It is to be regretted that several secretaries of Lodges have failed to send in correct reports. There should be no difficulty in preparing correct reports, seeing that the Grand Secretary furnishes each Lodge with complete instructions regarding the manner in which these reports should be made.

During the past year one Lodge has taken advantage of the incorporation ordinance, No. 34 of 1895, N. W. T.

The statistical tables show a net increase in membership of 26, bringing the total membership up to 2669.

The financial statements show a falling off in revenue, which is accounted for, however, by the fact that the previous year was an exceptionally prosperous one.

Fraternally submitted,

J. THOMPSON BLACK,
JOHN C. SAUL,
J. OBED SMITH,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black (4), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John Obed Smith (1), the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following report :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee has had, under careful consideration the report of the Grand Librarian.

It is pleased to note the number of works, Masonic and otherwise, which have been donated to the Library; they trust that the example of generous interest thus displayed will be an inducement for other brethren to "go and do likewise."

We are pleased to notice the addition to the Library of several important and valuable works, bearing on our Canadian life and history. An ardent and intelligent patriotism is one of the distinguishing features of every true Freemason's character. To the development of this spirit, there can be no better stimulus than the possession and perusal of such works. We are glad to be able to announce that we have recently recommended to the Librarian the purchase of what, in our opinion, promises to be one of the most complete and valuable works on Canadian resources and history yet published, the Encyclopedia of Canada, now being brought out by Mr. Castell Hopkins.

We note the remarks of the Grand Librarian as to the need of increased shelf room, and recommend the purchase of new book shelves of similar quality and design with those at present in the Library.

We note with much regret what the Librarian has to say as to the comparatively small number who avail themselves of the advantages of the Library. Two causes of this state of things may in our opinion be suggested. It may be that we have not had a sufficiently large number of works from which the brethren may choose; and again, it may be that the brethren, especially those outside the city, have not sufficient means of knowing accurately the subjects and titles of the books that we do have. To remedy this state of things, and to make the Library of increasing interest and value to the whole Fraternity, we would suggest for the careful consideration of Grand Lodge, the following steps: first, the purchase, after careful selection by well skilled brethren, of a very considerable addition to the Library. Second, the publication of a number of catalogues of the Library, after it has been thus increased. These two steps would render necessary the provision of some means to secure the prompt return of books, so that our Library may be a truly *circulating* one.

We would suggest the adoption of a modification of the system in vogue at the Public Library in this city, longer time being allowed, especially to the brethren who reside outside Winnipeg. It is in our opinion worthy of at least the serious consideration of Grand Lodge, whether some such steps as the above might not be taken in the interest at once of the Library and the Craft.

Your Committee would beg to record their sense of the enthusiasm and ability which the Grand Librarian continues to bestow upon the work of the Library.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA
W. A. WINDATT } *Committee.*
G. W. BAKER

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

PRESENTATION TO M.·.W.·. BRO. CORBET LOCKE.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, the M.·.W.·. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain collar.

In presenting the testimonial the Grand Master referred in eloquent terms to the distinguished services rendered the Grand Lodge and Craft in general by this active, zealous and devoted Mason, and how he had, by the suffrages of his brethren, been elected to the highest honor it was in their power to bestow; his charity, his energy, and his devotion to duty had been an example to all Masons. All those before him knew of the glorious work he had done for the sick and suffering, by raising the money for the erection of the Morden Hospital. He had discharged the duties of Grand Master with dignity and courtesy; and he now asked him to accept the collar and jewel of a Grand Master, as a mark of the esteem and regard of his brethren.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Locke, in reply, said—

That, when, by the suffrages of his brethren, he had been elected to the chair of the Grand Master, he had entered upon its important duties with fear and trembling; but, through the kind co-operation of the other Grand Lodge officers, his labours had been considerably lightened, and the year had gone by, he hoped, not without some measure of success. It had been a great honor and pleasure to him to preside in Grand Lodge; his year of office had

for him, many happy associations, and this collar, now presented to him, would ever be valued as a souvenir of a pleasant year. He would like to remind them of one of the great aims of our Ancient Craft, namely, the care of the sick and the destitute; and, while it might not be possible for Grand Lodge to do all it would in this respect, he hoped the time was not far distant when they would have a Masonic Home, where the declining days of faithful Masons might be soothed by brotherly care.

NOTICES OF MONEY GRANTS.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution the following notices of motion providing for money grants was given, to be introduced at the session of the Grand Lodge to be held on June 9th.

By M.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3)

Library	$200 00
Printing Proceedings	225 00

By M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13)

Freemasons' Hospital, Morden	$150 00

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11.55 o'clock p.m., until Thursday, June 9th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION.

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 9th, A.D. 1898, A.L. 5898, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

V.·.W.·. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, presented the following report :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee has held four meetings during the year. As the fund at its disposal for charitable purposes was limited, the duties of your Committee have not been arduous. Two applications for relief were received during the year and the record of the amounts voted, in each case, will be found in the Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposition for the establishment of a Masonic Home, of which notice of motion has been given by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, and would recommend thereon as follows :

1. That a fund be forthwith commenced having in view the establishment of a fund, the interest on which shall be devoted to the support of aged and disabled Masons.

2. That any special funds that have been set apart by Grand Lodge be designated for this object.

3. That the Grand Lodge vote a sum of not less than $50 annually towards the fund.

4. That the subordinate Lodges be requested to take up a subscription or collection, annually, on the Festival of St. John the Evengelist, and on any other occasions deemed favorable by the Lodge.

Your Committee has further considered that portion of the Grand Master's Address referring to the furnishing of a Masonic Ward in the Jubilee Wing of the Winnipeg General Hospital, and would recommend that his suggestion be adopted, as far as possible, without interfering with the support now being given the Freemasons Hospital of Morden, and that which your Committee trusts will be extended to the proposed establishment of the fund for aged and disabled Masons, already referred to in this report.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. O'LOUGHLIN,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin (10), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), the Report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and (subsequently) adopted.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and North-Western Railway Co., and the Northern Pacific Railway Co., for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members, and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 4.

It was moved by V.·.W.·. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), seconded by W.·. Bro. J. S. Brayfield (19), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to St. John's Lodge, No. 4, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.·.W.·. BROTHER THOMAS ROBINSON.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. William J. Cooper (7), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. David H. McFadden (6), the Board of General Purposes was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him for travelling and other expenses during his term of office.

GRANT TO LIBRARY, &c.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the following appropriations were made and their payment authorized :

Printing Proceedings of Grand Lodge	$225
Grant for Library purposes	200

GRANT TO FREEMASONS HOSPITAL.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), a grant of $75 was voted to the Freemasons Hospital, Morden.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of Officers would take place to-day (Thursday) at 3 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1.35 o'clock p.m., until to-day (Thursday) at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 9th, A.D. 1898, at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

LETTER.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from C. J. Jones, Esq., for the Governor General's Secretary, of which the following is a copy.

Office of the Governor General's Secretary, Canada.
Ottawa, August 2nd, 1897.

Sir,—

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that he has received instructions to convey to the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons the Queen's cordial thanks for the loyal congratulations and assurances of devotion, and Her appreciation of the references to the Services of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in connection with the Masonic Order contained in their address to Her Majesty on the occasion of Her Diamond Jubilee.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. JONES,
For Governor General's Secretary.

The Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,
Winnipeg.

It is was ordered that the same be entered in the records and published with the proceedings.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master :

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers, from the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

R.·.W.·. Bro. William Crawford, from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Herbert Hanks Goulter, from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts, from the Grand Lodge of Montana.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following Report :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 58 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register ; 29 Lodges are represented by duly qualified officers ; 16 Lodges are represented by proxy, and 13 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 91 duly qualified Past Masters, and with Representatives a total vote of 223. Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows :

1 Prince Rupert's,	W.·. Bro. T. Harry Webb,	W. Master.
	Bro. Robert Muir,	S. Warden.
2 Lisgar,	W.·. Bro. James Erskine,	W. Master.
3 Ancient Landmark,	W.·. Bro. John Thomson,	W. Master.
	Bro. James Malcolm Suttie,	J. Warden.
4 St. John's,	W.·. Bro. Angus Grant,	W. Master.
	Bro. Daniel A. Sullivan,	S. Warden.

6	Emerson,	R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton,	Proxy.
8	King Solomon	Bro. James Law Lawrie,	S. Warden.
9	Oakland	R.·.W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt,	Proxy.
10	Northern Light,	W.·. Bro. Edmond King Beeston,	W. Master.
		Bro. John Robert Jones,	S. Warden.
11	Gladstone,	W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor,	Proxy.
13	Belmont,	W.·. Bro. Peter Rutherford,	W. Master.
15	Corinthian,	R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm,	W. Master.
16	Kinistino,	W.·. Bro. Charles Oscar Davidson,	W. Master.
19	Brandon,	W.·. Bro. John Snowdon Brayfield,	W. Master.
24	Neepawa,	W.·. Bro. John Wemyss,	W. Master.
		Bro. Newton Edmiston,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Peter Beal Hazelton,	J. Warden.
25	Ionic,	W.·. Bro. Francis James Burd,	W. Master.
		Bro. Herbert Radford,	S. Warden.
		Bro. Frederick John Charles Cox,	J. Warden.
26	Moose Jaw,	V.·.W.·. Bro. William Alexander Burton,	Proxy.
27	Glenwood,	Bro. Frank William Sydney Crispo,	J. Warden.
28	Bow River,	R.·.W.·. Bro. William Crawford,	Proxy.
29	Carberry,	Bro. Eustace Herbert Cope,	S. Warden.
30	Manitou,	W.·. Bro. John Phelan,	W. Master.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley,	V.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Stephen Proctor,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	V.·.W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin,	Proxy.
34	Qu'Appelle,	W.·. Bro. Edwin Walter Warner,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,	Bro. Joseph Thomas Johnston,	S. Warden.
36	Doric,	Bro. James Albert Wright,	J. Warden.
37	Alberta,	V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Nathaniel Wilson,	Proxy.
38	Battle,	M.·.W.·. Bro. William George Bell,	Proxy.
39	Birtle,	W.·. Bro. Peter Duncan,	W. Master.
40	Deloraine,	W.·. Bro. William Richard David,	W. Master.
42	Cascade,	W.·. Bro. Hugh Chatburn Killeen,	W. Master.
		Bro. Thomas Robertson Flett,	S. Warden.
43	Lebanon,	V.·.W.·. Bro. Henry James Pugh,	Proxy.
44	Oak Lake,	W.·. Bro. Robert Neill,	Proxy.
45	Spitzie,	W.·. Bro. George Canning Ives,	Proxy.
48	Glenboro,	W.·. Bro. William Noble,	W. Master.
49	Temple,	W.·. Bro. Ezra Ernest Turner,	W. Master.
51	Treherne,	Bro. Alexander McNeil,	J. Warden.
52	Hartney,	W.·. Bro. William Hopkins,	W. Master.
53	Edmonton,	M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed,	Proxy.
56	Maple Leaf,	R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
57	Evening Star,	W.·. Bro. Edward Fitzgerald,	W. Master.

60	Perfection	Bro. Ernest Clemow Powell,	S. Warden.
61	North-West Mounted Police	Bro. William Nichols,	J. Warden.
63	Holland,	Bro. John Moir,	J. Warden.
64	Composite,	W.·. Bro. Albert Fenwick,	W. Master.
		Bro. William Dickson,	J. Warden.
65	Eureka,	W.·. Bro. Hugh Chatburn Killeen,	Proxy.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master named as scrutineers : R.·.W.·. Bro. George F. Carruthers (1), R.·.W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin (35), and V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Nathaniel Wilson (37) when the election proceeded with the following results :

R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), Moosomin, Grand Master.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts (10), Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40), Deloraine, Grand Senior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), Winnipeg, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
W.·. Bro. Edgar William Rugg (3), Winnipeg, Grand Registrar.
W.·. Bro. Charles Rogers Littler (2), Selkirk, Grand Chaplain.
And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride (1), Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :

V.·.W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley (3), Winnipeg, District No. 1.
W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11), Mekewin, District No. 2.
W.·. Bro. Frank Alexander Brown (9), Carman, District No. 3.
W.·. Bro. John Lorne Campbell (54), Melita, District No. 4.
W.·. Bro. Frederick George Richardson (62), Russell, District No. 5.
W.·. Bro. John Cotton (38), Battleford, District No. 6.
W.·. Bro. William Fenwick (64), Alexander, District No. 7.
V.·.W.·. Bro. FrederickStephen Proctor (32), Fort Qu'Appelle, District No. 8.
W.·. Bro. Isaac Stephen G. VanWart (60), Calgary, District No. 9.
W.·. Bro. George Canning Ives (45), Macleod, District No. 10.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of two years:

R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. James George Dagg (2), Selkirk.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard Cooke Copeland (25), Winnipeg.
V.·.W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley (3), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. John Robert Grant (10), Winnipeg.
W.·. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), Winnipeg.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments :

V.·.W.·. Bro. Harry H. Campkin (33), Indian Head, Grand Senior Deacon.
V.·.W.·. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1), Winnipeg, Grand Junior Deacon.
W.·. Bro. John Wemyss (24), Neepawa, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W.·. Bro. Ronald Hilton (37), Macleod, Grand Organist.
W.·. Bro. Alan McKenzie Stewart (13), Morden, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Archibald B. Gillis (47), Whitewood, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Snowdon Brayfield (19), Brandon, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Hugh Chatburn Killeen (42), Field, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. John Mason (7), Portage la Prairie, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Braden (4), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Edmond King Beeston (10), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Barnwell (56), Maple Creek, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Marshall Lawrie (8), Morris, Grand Pursuivant.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.30 o'clock p.m., until 8 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY — EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 9th, A.D. 1898, A.L. 5898, at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Grand Master.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report on the proposed amendments to the Constitution :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report that no questions of Masonic Law and Usage have been referred to it during the past year—a circumstance referred to by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his Address.

Your Committee has considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution, and thereon begs leave to report that it is the opinion of the Committee that Grand Lodge itself should first pronounce upon the question as to the abolition of the Board of General Purposes, and if it be deemed best to abolish the Board, then in that case your Committee would then recommend the adoption of the amendments, as set forth in the accompanying notice, with the corrections as noted therein.

If on the other hand Grand Lodge pronounces in favor of the retention of the Board of General Purposes, then in that case your Committee would

recommend only the adoption of such portion of the notice as does not conflict with the retention of the Board.

Provided, however, your Committee do not feel called upon to express an opinion relative to the motion proposed by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke, nor on the question of mileage to delegates. The adoption of only one of these motions will, of course, necessitate a change of the proposed amendments, referring to fees. If neither is adopted, then that portion of the notice referring to fees may be struck out.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert H. Myers (14), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John K. Patton (14), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, relating to the proposed amendments to the Constitution, was received and adopted.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles R. Littler (2):

Sub-Section 9 of Section 67 was amended to read as follows: "To issue notices of any Communication of Grand Lodge to all Grand Officers and to each Lodge."

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following amendments to the Constitution were, on motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by W. Bro. Rev. Charles Rogers Littler (2), adopted, the same to come into effect upon the opening of the afternoon session of the second day of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in June, 1899, viz:

1. Section 3 amended to read as follows :—

The Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and members who shall be entitled to precedence, rank and title as follows :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
Past Grand Masters according to Seniority.
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
The R.·.W.·. Grand Senior Warden.
Past Grand Senior Wardens.
The R.·.W.·. Grand Junior Warden.
Past Grand Junior Wardens.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District.
The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master for the Tenth Masonic District.
Past District Deputy Grand Masters.
The R.·.W.·. Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Treasurers.
The R.·.W.·. Grand Secretary.
Past Grand Secretaries.
The R.·.W.·. Grand Registrar.
Past Grand Registrars.
The R.·.W.·. Grand Chaplain.
Past Grand Chaplains.
The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.
Past Grand Senior Deacons.
The Very Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon.
Past Grand Junior Deacons.
The Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Very Worshipful Grand Organist.
Past Grand Organists.
The Very Worshipful Grand Stewards.
Past Grand Stewards.
The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.

Past Grand Pursuivants.

The Grand Tyler (who by virtue of his office shall not be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge).

The Masters, Past Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens of Chartered Lodges in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge Charters, and all Past Masters who were entitled to vote in Grand Lodge at the opening of the Twenty-Second Annual Communication (8th June, 1897).

The representatives of three Lodges at the Annual Communication or at Special Communications, convened on due notice to all the Lodges, shall be indispensably necessary to open the Grand Lodge or transact business therein, except on occasions of ceremony, when the Grand Master or his representative, with a sufficient number of brethren, may open the Grand Lodge and transact the business for which it is called.

2. That Section 4 be repealed.

3. That Section 6 be repealed and the following substituted: "The Grand Lodge may by a two-thirds vote constitute any brother of eminence and ability, who has rendered service to the Craft and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction, an honorary member of Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, and may by a like vote in recognition of eminence, ability and services rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate."

4. That Section 7 be repealed.

5. That Section 13 be repealed.

6. That Section 15 be repealed.

7. That Section 20 be amended as follows :

Sub-section IV. by substituting the words "Committee on the Condition of Masonry," for "Board of General Purposes."

Sub-section V. by substituting the words "Committee on Finance," for "Board of General Purposes."

That Sub-section VIII. be repealed.

Sub-section IX. to read as follows : "Presentation of the Reports of the Standing Committees and dealing therewith in the following order :

(*a*) On Jurisprudence.
(*b*) On Grievances and Appeals.
(*c*) On the Condition of Masonry.
(*d*) On Foreign Relations and Correspondence.

(*e*) On Finance.
(*f*) On Benevolence and Charity.
(*g*) On Charters and New Lodges.
(*h*) On Credentials and Reports.

Sub-section X. by striking out the words "On Lodges under Dispensation."

8. That the words in the third line on page 11, "Presentation of reports of the Board of General Purposes" be struck out.

9. That Sub-section 3 of Section 42 be amended by the addition of the following: "Provided the application for such dispensation be made by the Lodge (to which the candidate presented his petition) by a unanimous vote by ballot."

10. That Sub-section 10 of Section 42 be amended by inserting after the word "representatives," in the second line, the following: "of other recognized Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge. Provided, however, that no brother shall be received and accredited as the representative of more than one Grand Lodge at the same time, and that whenever a representative shall fail to attend the Communications of the Grand Lodge for two consecutive years, the Grand Master may request that a new appointment be made."

11. That Section 43 be repealed.

13. That Section 46 be amended by inserting after the word "him," in the second line, the words "or any Officer or Committee of the Grand Lodge;" and by inserting the words "Grand Officer" after the word "any," in the same line; and by inserting after the "Lodge," in the third line, the words "the books and accounts of such Grand Officer."

15. That Section 48 be amended by substituting the word "all" for "will," in the third line, and by striking out the last three words thereof and by adding to said Section the following: "And should the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden be absent from any Communication of the Grand Lodge, it shall be ruled by the Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, and if no elective Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge represented.

16. That Sections 54 to 61 inclusive be repealed and the following substituted:

MASONIC DISTRICTS AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The Districts:

The Masonic Districts shall be as follows, subject to alteration by the Grand Lodge at any Annual Communication, viz:

The First Masonic District shall be bounded on the North, South and East, respectively, by the North, South and East boundaries of the Province of Manitoba and on the West by the west limit of Range 2, west of the Principal Meridian.

The Second Masonic District shall be bounded on the East by the west limit of the First Masonic District, on the West by the west limit of Range 17 W., and shall extend from the South limit of Township 10 to the North boundary of the Province of Manitoba.

The Third Masonic District shall be composed of Townships 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, extending from the west limit of the First Masonic District to the west limit of Range 17 West.

The Fourth Masonic District shall extend from the North limit of Township 4 to the South boundary of the Province of Manitoba and from the First Masonic District to the West limit of the Province.

The Fifth Masonic District shall include all that portion of the Province of Manitoba lying west of the east limit of Range 17 West, and to the north of the north limit of Township 12.

The Sixth Masonic District shall be bounded on the South by the north limit of the Fourth Masonic District, on the North by the south limit of the Fifth Masonic District and extend from the East limit of Range 18 W. to the west boundary of the Province.

The Seventh Masonic District shall be composed of the District of Saskatchewan.

The Eighth Masonic District shall be composed of that portion of the District of Assiniboia which lies to the East of the Third Initial Meridian.

The Ninth Masonic District shall be composed of all that portion of the District of Assiniboia west of the Third Initial Meridian and North of the South boundary of Township No. 20, and all that portion of the District of Alberta which lies to the North of the south boundary of said Township No. 20.

The Tenth Masonic District shall be composed of all those portions of the Districts of Assiniboia and Alberta which lie to the south boundary of Township 20, and westward from the Third Initial Meridian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Their Qualifications:

17. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be well skilled in the work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry; he shall be a Past Master and a member in good standing of some Lodge in the District from which he is appointed, and shall receive a certificate of his appointment signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary.

Their Duties.

18. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall have power and it shall be his duty:

1st. To visit officially every Lodge in his District at least once during his term if practicable.

2nd. To preside in each Lodge upon the occasion of his official visit, to examine its books and records, and see if they are properly kept; to inform himself of the number of members, and the punctuality and regularity of their attendance; to ascertain the state and condition of the Lodges in all respects; to point out any errors he may ascertain in their conduct and mode of working; and to instruct them in every particular wherein he shall find they may require or desire information and particularly to recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry, and caution in the admission of candidates; to see that returns have been regularly forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and on refusal or neglect on the part of any Lodge to make such return he may suspend the Lodge; and if he discover in his District any Masonic error or evil to endeavor to immediately arrest the same by Masonic means and, if he judge it expedient, to specially report the same to the Grand Master.

3rd. To take possession of the funds and property of any dormant or extinct Lodge in his District and transfer the same to the Grand Secretary.

4th. To prepare in duplicate on blanks, to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, a statement in tabular form of the condition of each Lodge in his District for the year ending on the 31st day of March, and transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May, to be by him laid before the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

5th. To prepare in duplicate a report for the year ending on the 30th of April, on the general condition of Masonry in his District, and of his acts therein, with such particulars as he may deem necessary, including the names and numbers of the Lodges in his District not visited by him together with the reasons therefor and transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May, to be by him laid before the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

6th. To give or refuse consent for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another within his District.

7th. To perform such other services and executive duties as may be deputed or entrusted to him by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

19. That Section 64 be repealed.

20. That Section 65 be amended by striking out all after the word "Finance" in the 8th line.

21. That Section 66 be amended by striking out the words, "or in his absence by the President of the Board of General Purposes" and substituting therefor the words, "the Acting Chairman of said Committee.

22. That Section 67 be further amended by adding thereto the following Sub-section :

16th. The Grand Secretary shall have the custody of the Seals of the Grand Lodge, and shall affix the same to all charters, warrants, certificates, and other documents issued by authority of the Grand Lodge, together with such as the Grand Master, in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, may direct.

24. That Section 70 be repealed and the following substituted therefor : GRAND REGISTRAR : The Grand Master may, by a written document, direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any District for which there is no District Deputy Grand Master ; and he shall thereby be empowered to perform all the functions of a District Deputy Grand Master.

25. That Sections 76 to 90 inclusive and 92 to 117 inclusive be repealed and the following substituted :

STANDING COMMITTEES :

26. The Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge shall consist of five members, and shall hold office from the close of the Annual Communication at

which they are appointed until the close of the next ensuing Annual Communication.

The Standing Committees shall be :

1. The Committee on Jurisprudence.
2. The Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
3. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry.
4. The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence.
5. The Committee on Finance.
6. The Committee on Benevolence.
7. The Committee on Charters and New Lodges.
8. The Committee on Credentials and Reception.

27. The said Committees shall be appointed in the following manner, viz : At each Annual Communication a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Grand Master, one brother from each District represented, who shall be a resident thereof, and three at large ; which Nominating Committee shall immediately, on the declaration of their appointment, proceed to select from among the members of Grand Lodge five brethren to serve upon each of such Standing Committees, and shall submit such selection for the approval of Grand Lodge. No brother shall be selected to serve on more than one Committee. All vacancies occurring shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master.

28. Each Committee shall at once proceed to elect one of its members as Chairman, who shall receive all reports, &c., to be submitted to the Committee; call the members together for consultation at such time and place as to him shall be deemed best, preside at such meetings and communicate the decisions of the Committee to the Grand Lodge, *Provided*, however, that should the members be unable, for any reason whatever, to elect a Chairman, the Grand Master shall thereupon appoint one of its members as Chairman.

29. The Chairman of each Committee shall be its executive Officer during the recess of Grand Lodge, and shall, after having communicated by letter or otherwise, and receiving the consent of a majority thereof, act for the Committee in all cases where it is not deemed advisable or convenient to call a meeting of the Committee. Three members shall form a quorum at all meetings of the Committees.

The duties of each Committee shall be as follows :

30. JURISPRUDENCE.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to consider and report to the Grand Lodge upon all questions and de-

cisions of Masonic Law and Usage, and amendments to the Constitution and Regulations as may be referred to it.

31. GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to consider and report, with such recommendation as it may deem proper, upon all documents and papers relating to any matter of complaint or grievance appertaining to Masonic discipline and all appeals from the decision of any Lodge, or the Master thereof; and upon all petitions for restoration which may be referred to it. The members of this Committee shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any appeal or complaint.

32. CONDITION OF MASONRY.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry to carefully examine all reports, returns, proceedings, correspondence, etc., referred to it, consider all matters respecting the Craft at home; the doings and reports of the Officers of Grand Lodge; and the internal economy of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges.

33. FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence to examine all the printed or written proceedings or documents emanating from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and report at each Annual Communication whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

34. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance:

1. To examine into and report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Lodge, not otherwise provided for, and to it shall be referred all subjects involving an appropriation of its funds; and without such reference no such appropriation shall be made.

2. To examine and compare or cause to be examined and compared, the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and make separate detailed reports thereon, and submit the same to Grand Lodge before the close of the Annual Communication, and also to report the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

3. To present before the close of each Annual Communication an estimate of the probable expenses of the current year, (giving each class of expenditure under its proper head), and recommend such amounts as may be necessary for the expense of Grand Lodge.

35. BENEVOLENCE.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Benevolence to examine and report on all claims made for assistance or

relief, and to recommend as to the disposal of the charitable fund of the Grand Lodge; to prepare a record of all benevolent and relief funds in the jurisdiction, provided by or under control of the Grand Lodge; and submit an annual report thereon to Grand Lodge; and further to consider all matters likely to promote and assist the cause of Masonic benevolence, and the relief of the poor and distressed.

36. Charters and New Lodges.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges to investigate all cases of forfeited Charters; to examine the minute books and other records of Lodges under Dispensation; and no petition for Charters shall be acted upon unless the work and proceedings have been found by the Committee to be in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

37. Credentials and Reception.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Credentials and Reception: 1. To cause the necessary preparations to be made for the Communications of the Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies, etc. It shall also give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be required for the Grand Lodge, but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred, without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge.

2. To examine the credentials of all delegates to the Grand Lodge, and provide for the reception and accommodation of visitors; to report such recommendations as it may deem proper for the efficient discharge of their duties; to attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication for the purpose of guarding with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified; to see that they wear proper clothing and jewels, that they have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

38. In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of a Committee or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Committee considers its decision.

39. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by a Committee, unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the Committee.

40. All communications from Committees to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or other Committees, or to any private Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

41. No remuneration shall be given to any member of any Committee except by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

42. If it be deemed necessary, the Grand Secretary shall attend any meeting of any such Committee.

43. That Section 91 be amended to read as follows: The books of the Grand Lodge shall be closed on the thirty-first day of March in each year, and the accounts and balance sheet together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures, and funds on hand, and of all property belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be prepared and audited before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge by two auditors to be appointed by the Grand Master.

44. That Section 118 be amended by striking out all the words after the first line thereof, and substituting the following in place thereof: Grand Master at least ten days previous to each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge :

1. On Grand Master's Address.
2. On Grand Secretary's Report.
3. On the Grand Lodge Library.

45. That a new Section be added to follow Section 119 to read as follows :

COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT :

46. To this Committee shall be referred the report of the Grand Secretary.

47. That Section 121 be repealed and that a new Section be added to follow Section 120, as follows : "Other Special Committees may be appointed and shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

48. That Section 122 be amended as follows : By striking out the words "The above fees to include a set of books and Lodge Seal," and by adding after the word "purposes" in the last line the words "and undertakings."

49. That Sections 130 to 169 be repealed and the following substituted :

MASONIC TRIALS :

Regulations respecting trials for Masonic offenses and proceedings thereon.

JURISDICTION.

50. For any offense against the by-laws of his Lodge a Mason must be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs.

51. For any other Masonic offense, a Mason may be tried either by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence.

52. A trial of either Lodge followed by conviction or acquittal, shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offense.

53. All charges of unmasonic conduct shall be made in writing, with particulars specifying with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offense alleged, and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing.

54. All charges and particulars shall be filed with the secretary of the Lodge, who shall forthwith notify all the members of the Lodge that such charges have been received against a brother (but shall not state the name of the brother, or the nature of the charges), and that they will be read at the next regular meeting, which shall be held not less than eight days after the charges have been received; and at such meeting the charges shall be read in open Lodge.

55. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose, and continue until completed; and in case the trial be not completed at one meeting it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS, NOTICES, ETC.

56. When charges shall be presented and read as provided above, the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether the charges shall be accepted and the accused brother be placed on trial, or the charges be dismissed; when decided in the affirmative, the charges cannot be withdrawn, except for cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present; such charges shall not be amended except by a majority vote, of which proposed amendment the accused shall have due notice.

57. Immediately upon the acceptance of charges by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial; and it shall be the duty of the Master to cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charges and particulars, and notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. *Provided always*, that the accused shall be entitled to reasonable time and opportunity to prepare his defence.

58. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to attend in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act as counsel, after notice has been duly served on him, or if notice cannot be served or him personally by reason of his residence being unknown or beyond the limits of the District in which the Lodge is located, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to him by mail, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at his last known place of residence, or with a grown up member of his family; and upon proof

that the notice has been sent to him, or left for him as above prescribed, the Lodge at the time in such notice specified may proceed without his presence, and conduct the proceedings to a final issue: *Provided*, that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of mailing, sending or leaving such notice, and any action by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In such cases the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act as counsel for, or representative of the accused.

TRIAL, WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY.

59. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons, shall be mentally competent, and in good standing in the Fraternity, and may be affiliated or non-affiliated brethren.

60. Every Mason shall give his testimony on his honor as a Mason.

61. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons, shall be any person of sound mind, of such religious belief as to feel the obligations of an oath, and they shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The evidence of such persons must be received with caution when disputed by the accused, and in fact, should be admitted only when their evidence cannot be supplied by a Mason, unless in cases requiring corroborative evidence.

62. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status of a Mason under charges is not affected until after conviction.

63. The testimony of witnesses, who are Masons, may be taken in open Lodge, or by a special Committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons, shall be examined only by a Committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case, the accused and the accuser, in person or by a brother Mason or counsel representative, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

64. The testimony of any witnesses, unable to attend the Lodge or a Committee may be taken by deposition before a properly authorized person, who must be a Mason authorized for the purpose, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned,

65. It shall be the duty of the accused and accuser to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summons for such purposes any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

66. When testimony is taken in open Lodge, the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

67. The Master shall decide all questions arising as to the the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary, or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master, shall take down in writing all the evidence submitted by both the prosecution and defence and note all objections made by either party; and the rulings of the Master and the record thereof shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

68. At the conclusion of the evidence the accused and the accuser in person, or their counsel or representative, may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accused and the accuser shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views of the case, and of the law and the facts involved; and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent cause, and the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

69. When a Committee is appointed, as before mentioned, it shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, either of whom, if objected to by either of the parties for cause to be fully explained by the objecting party, may be removed by the Master and another appointed.

70. Every such Committee shall convene and select from their number a chairman and secretary; and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accused and the accuser, with their respective witnesses.

71. The proceedings of such Committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above prescribed shall apply to and may be discharged by the chairman and secretary of the Committee.

72. The Committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interest of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaints before them; *Provided*, that every trial begun shall be prosecuted with as much dispatch as the law governing the same, and full justice to the accused and accuser will permit.

73. When the Committee have concluded their labors, they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge; and upon retirement of

the accused and accuser, any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case; and any portion or the whole of the evidence shall be read, as he may require to enable him to come to a decision.

74. A brother against whom charges have been preferred, may deny or admit any portion or the whole of the charges and specifications.

75. In case an accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

76. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or Committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master, or by the Lodge, or by a Committee, when the proceedings are before a Committee.

JUDGMENT.

77. Upon conclusion of a trial, the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot, and it shall require a vote of a majority to sustain any charge.

78. If any charge shall be sustained, the accused shall then and there be declared guilty, and the Master shall put the question as to whether the accused shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present; and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot. The Lodge may also, by a like ballot, recommend to the Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

79. When any Mason after due trial shall be found guilty of unmasonic conduct, punishment shall follow, which shall be proportionate to the offense.

80. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge, he shall be notified of such action by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted, he shall be notified of the same by the Master in open Lodge, as well as by the Secretary in writing.

PUNISHMENT.

81. The Masonic punishment which shall be inflicted by chartered Lodges

for unmasonic conduct, after due trial and conviction, shall be in the discretion of the Lodge, either indefinite suspension, definite suspension or reprimand.

82. Suspension for any offense subjects an offender, during such suspension, to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges, and benefits of Masonry to the offender and his family.

83. Suspension shall require the vote of a majority of the members present, and the penalty and the period of suspension may be voted upon together or separately. *Provided*, that no definite suspension shall be voted for a longer time than three years nor for a less time than three months.

84. Reprimand shall be the least Masonic punishment, and shall only be inflicted after due trial and conviction, and when voted by a majority of the members present; and reprimand shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

APPEALS.

85. Any Mason who has been subjected to any of the foregoing proceedings of a Lodge, or against whom charges have been presented, or his accuser, or any member of the Lodge, has the right to appeal from any verdict or sentence, therein in his case rendered or adjudged, and from any vote or decision of a Lodge upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge.

86. All appeals from any such verdict or sentence of a Lodge shall be made in writing, and contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of a Lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which they are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary thirty days prior to the next succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, if posible.

87. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from notice of his intention within twenty-one days after receiving notice of its action or decision; and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, shall, at least ten days before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case, *Provided*, the terms herein specified shall intervene between such decisions and the Annual Communication aforesaid; if not, then such time shall apply to the next succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, or may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess of the Grand Lodge.

88. Whenever an appeal shall be taken from any Lodge, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may upon investigation—

1. Dismiss the appeal, approve the proceedings, or affirm the decision appealed from ; or

2. Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so ; or

3. Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality, and remand the case for further proceedings ; or

4. Give such directions as may seem reasonable and proper.

89. An appeal may also be taken to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district, for any irregularity in the trial, or any infringement of the rights of the accused, but not on questions of fact.

90. On such appeal the District Deputy Grand Master may either dismiss the appeal or set aside the proceedings, and order a new trial.

91. In all cases of appeal, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master to investigate the case and report, with his opinion thereon.

92. The District Deputy Grand Master may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge.

93. The decision or sentence of the District Deputy Grand Master shall in all cases be subject to appeal to the Grand Master.

94. Whenever the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master, on a review of trial or other proceedings of a Lodge, resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment of said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial, no amendment shall be made to the original charges, unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

95. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated, all suspensions as they may severally occur.

NOTE.—By article...."of appeal" in the Book of Constitution, it is provided that as the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member in the Fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the Craft. Any Lodge, or brother, therefore, who may

be aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

96. A suspended Mason may be restored by the Grand Lodge or by the Lodge which suspended him.

97. A suspended Mason (unless suspended for non-payment of dues) seeking restoration, shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

98. The Secretary of the Lodge shall notify all the members of the Lodge of such petition, at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

99. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot; and it shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present for its adoption.

100. If the Lodge has ceased to exist, the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

101. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation; and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership, and all the rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

102. In all cases of restoration by the Grand Lodge, the restored brother resumes the status of non-affiliated brother.

103. In all cases of restoration by a private Lodge, the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

MASTERS AND LODGES,

104. A Worshipful Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term, for any unmasonic conduct (except for official misconduct, or a violation of his official obligations). All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

105. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges or between a Lodge and its Master, or charges be preferred, or an informal complaint be made, the same may be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may proceed in person, or appoint a commission of not more than seven and not less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with, if consistent, the District Deputy Grand Master as Chairman, to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master; and such commission shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master, as will enable him to make a final decision.

106. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

107. That Section 170 be amended by striking out all up to and including the word "delinquent" in the eleventh line and substitute the following: A Lodge shall have power to enact By-Laws requiring and regulating the payment of Lodge dues and providing a penalty for non-payment thereof, which penalty shall be suspension; but such penalty shall not be inflicted except for the non-payment of at least one year's dues, nor until the brother shall have been duly summoned one month previous, to pay said dues.

108. In case no provision has been made in the By-laws of a Lodge for notice to, and procedure against a member for non-payment of dues the following procedure shall be adopted: "In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months after the expiration of the Masonic year in which the same became due, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid shall be sent to such member; such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed to him or delivered to the last known address of such member. Should the brother in default"

109. That Section 189 be amended as follows: Sub-section 3, by inserting after the word "forwarded" in the third line the following: "with all fees, dues and other indebtedness," and by expunging all after the word "Secretary" in the third line and substituting the words "on or before January 15th and July 15th, in each year."

110. That Sub-sections 4 and 5 be repealed.

111. That Section 190 be amended by adding after the word "Lodge" in the first line the words "when so directed."

112. That Section 191 be amended by substituting the word "may" for "shall" in the first line, and by striking out all after the word "Lodge" in the third line.

113. That Section 205 be amended by striking out all the words up to and including the word "and" in the second line and the words "not so in arrears" in the third line.

114. That Section 208 be amended by striking out all after the word "performed" in the 8th line up to and including the word "Constitution" in the 17th line.

115. That Section 216 be amended by striking out the words "except votes by ballot" and substituting the words "by ballot or otherwise."

116. That Section 218 be amended by striking out the word "Board" in the fourth line.

117. That Sub-Section 1 of Section 226 be amended by inserting after the word "record" in the fourth line the words "or a synopsis of such record."

118. That Section 256 be amended by substituting the words "Grand Master" for "Board of General Purposes."

119. That Section 262 be amended by inserting after the word "may" in the second line the following: "after due notice to each member."

120. That Section 266 be amended to read as follows: Every member of a Lodge, when present, shall, unless excused by the Worshipful Master, be required to vote by ballot upon all petitions for membership or for the degrees of Masonry."

121. That Section 273 be amended by striking out all after the word "dollars" in the second line up to and including the word "received" in the fourth line, and by inserting after the word "prescribe" in the ninth line the following: "but no candidate shall be initiated or any brother advanced to a higher degree unless the fees in full, provided by the By-laws of the Lodges or this Constitution, are paid." That the said Section (273) be further amended by substituting the words "The foregoing" for "this" in the ninth line.

122. That Section 274 be amended by striking out all after the word "Treasurer" in the third line up to and including the word "Lodge" in the sixth line.

123. That Section 335 be amended by inserting the word "imperative" for "impercative" in the first line, and after the word "may" in the fifth line the words "after due trial."

MOTIONS TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), that the following be added after the words "per annum" in the last line of Section 122 of the Constitution, viz:

"Each Lodge shall pay for every member thereof to Grand Lodge a sum not to exceed forty cents for paying mileage to one delegate to Grand Lodge from each Lodge (outside the City or Town where Grand Lodge is held.)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION WITHDRAWN.

By permission of the Grand Lodge the following notices of motion to amend the Constitution were withdrawn:

By R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1):

1. That a new Section be added after Section 44, to read as follows: "An appeal against any ruling or decision of the Grand Master may be made to Grand Lodge. When a brother appeals from the decision of the Grand Master or Acting Grand Master, while Grand Lodge is in session, he shall state shortly the grounds for his appeal. The Grand Master or Acting Grand Master shall then state the reason for his decision, if he thinks it necessary to do so, after which without further debate, the Grand Master or Acting Grand Master shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken the decision of Grand Lodge shall be announced."

2. That Section 47 be repealed.

3. That Sections 185, 186, 187 and 188 be repealed.

4. That Section 227 and sub-sections be repealed.

5. That Section 308 be amended by striking out the words "of said Lodge."

PROPOSED VICTORIAN MASONIC HOME FUND.

It was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13) seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31):

"That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the time has arrived for the institution of a fund to be known as 'The Victorian Masonic Home Fund, and that the excess beyond fifty cents per member annually received by the Grand Lodge from all subordinate lodges be set apart and invested from time to time as deemed best by the Board of General Purposes until such time as the Grand Lodge may deem it wise to commence the work."

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared "Lost."

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11.45 o'clock p.m., until Friday, June 10th, at 10.30 o'clock, a.m.

THIRD DAY — MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 10th, A.D. 1898, A.L. 5898, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara (1) and :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed consisting of M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), (Chairman), M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara (1), R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers (3), V.·.W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), and W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles R. Littler (2) to revise, classify and consolidate the existing Constitution, and any amendments thereto, and to have the same ready for printing, with any other amendments that may be adopted, at the next Annual Communication.

The said Committee to be empowered to make the necessary verbal alterations as may in its opinion be necessary to harmonize with any Section in the Constitution now in force, and in the amendments thereto.

The said Committee also to be empowered to revise the forms of ceremonies and the standard form of By-laws.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee as follows :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M :

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of Grand

Lodge kept by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find same to be correct.

We have compared the returns of the various constituent Lodges with the cash book and receipt book, and find the same to be correct.

We have verified all payments and certify that the same are properly vouched, and agree with the cheques drawn.

And that the books are kept in such good order as to be a credit to these officers.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. HAZLEY }
H. J. EBERTS } *Auditors.*

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Richard D. Foley (30), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The following places were named at which to hold the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

By M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), and M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara (1).

The City of Winnipeg.

By R.·.W.·. Bro. John McGuirl (35), and R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. A. Lang (19).

The City of Brandon.

Subsequently it was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. Herman J. Eberts (10), and

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Regina.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), the Rank

of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master, conferred on the following brethren :

R.·.W.·. Bro. David Henry McFadden (6), Emerson.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John James McFadden (24), Neepawa.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Wilson C. Hicks (51), Treherne.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40), Deloraine.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Madden (15), Rapid City.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Daniel Colin McLellan (16), Prince Albert.
R.·.W.·. Bro. George Albert Coulter (52), Hartney.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Francis Gladstone Lewin (35), Moosomin.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles William Sutter (53), Edmonton.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John David Higinbotham (41), Lethbridge.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·.W.·. Bros. Thomas Robinson, Corbet Locke, Thomas Tweed and James A. Ovas.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-Third Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 1 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles R. Littler, Grand Chaplain.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
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Wm. G. Scott
Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

District Number One.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley, *Winnipeg.*

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk.
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg.
"	6—Emerson	Emerson.
"	8—King Solomon	Morris.
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg.
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall.
"	25—Icn'c	Winnipeg.
"	55—East Star	Gretna.

District Number Two,

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor, *Mekewin.*

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone.
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa.
"	49—Temple	McGregor.

District Number Three.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Frank Alexander Brown, *Carman.*

No.	9—Oakland	Carman.
"	48—Glenboro	Glenboro.
"	51—Treherne	Treherne.
"	63—Holland	Holland.
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa.

District Number Four.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. John Lorne Campbell, *Melita.*

No. 13—Belmont.....Morden.
" 30—Manitou.....Manitou.
" 36—Doric.....Boissevain.
" 40—Deloraine.....Deloraine.
" 50—Killarney.....Killarney.
" 54—Oriental.....Melita.

District Number Five.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick George Richardson, *Russell.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales.....Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian.....Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle.....Birtle.
" 62—Russell.....Russell.

District Number Six.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. John Cotton, *Battleford.*

No. 16—Kinistino.....Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle.....Battleford.

District Number Seven.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. William Fenwick, *Alexander.*

No. 19—Brandon.....Brandon.
" 27—Glenwood.....Souris.
" 29—Carberry.....Carberry.
" 43—Lebanon.....Virden.
" 44—Oak Lake.....Oak Lake.
" 52—Hartney.....Hartney.
" 64—Composite.....Alexander.

District Number Eight.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Stephen Proctor, *Fort Qu'Appelle.*

No. 23—Wascana.....Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw.....Moose Jaw.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley.....Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head.....Indian Head.
" 34—Qu'Appelle.....Qu'Appelle.
" 35—Moosomin.....Moosomin.
" 47—Ashlar.....Whitewood.
" 57—Evening Star.....Grenfell.
" 61—North-West Mounted Police.....Regina.

District Number Nine.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Isaac Stephen Gerow VanWart, *Calgary.*

No. 28—Bow River ..... Calgary.
" 42—Cascade ..... Banff.
" 53—Edmonton ..... Edmonton.
" 58—Innisfail ..... Innisfail.
" 60—Perfection ..... Calgary.
" 65—Eureka ..... Lacombe.
" 66—Acacia ..... South Edmonton.

District Number Ten.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. George Canning Ives, *Macleod.*

No. 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 37—Alberta ..... Macleod.
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge.
" 45—Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek.
" 56—Maple Leaf ..... Maple Creek.

Recapitulation.

District Number One	10
District Number Two	4
District Number Three	5
District Number Four	6
District Number Five	4
District Number Six	2
District Number Seven	7
District Number Eight	9
District Number Nine	7
District Number Ten	5
Total	59

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. Dec. 27, 1897.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended N.P.D.	Members Extinct Lodges.	Died.	Rejected.	Memberseip 27th Dec. 1896.	Membership 27th Dec. 1897.
1	Prince Rupert's	12	8	9	7	....	5	8	.....	1	2	170	175
2	Lisgar	....	1	1	....	1	....	5	.....	3	....	62	55
3	Ancient Landmark	5	5	5	3	2	10	4	.....	3	....	187	180
4	St. John's	10	5	5	....	1	1	10	.....	.....	....	134	134
6	Emerson	2	2	2	.....	.....	....	1	.....	.....	....	36	37
7	Assiniboine	2	2	3	1	2	6	9	.....	1	....	81	70
8	King Solomon	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	.....	.....	....	39	39
9	Oakland	2	2	4	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	43	45
10	Northern Light	3	3	....	4	....	4	10	.....	.....	....	76	69
11	Gladstone	3	1	.....	.....	.....	....	4	.....	.....	....	30	30
12	Stonewall	....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	....	.....	.....	....	26	26
13	Belmont	3	2	1	1	1	2	....	.....	.....	....	87	90
14	Prince of Wales	3	3	2	1	....	1	....	.....	.....	....	50	53
15	Corinthian	4	3	3	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	....	30	33
16	Kinistino	5	7	6	4	....	2	3	.....	.....	....	46	50
19	Brandon	4	3	4	2	....	6	13	.....	3	1	103	87
23	Wascana	4	3	3	1	....	3	....	.....	.....	....	57	59
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	.....	.....	....	32	34
25	Ionic	7	5	5	2	1	2	7	.....	.....	....	103	104
26	Moose Jaw	....	....	....	4	....	3	....	.....	....	1	42	43
27	Glenwood	4	5	4	1	....	3	....	.....	1	....	40	41
28	Bow River	6	8	7	5	1	3	5	.....	3	2	68	69
29	Carberry	4	5	4	....	....	1	....	.....	.....	....	28	31
30	Manitou	4	3	3	....	....	4	1	.....	.....	....	34	33
31	Medicine Hat	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	40	40
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	2	1	2	....	....	2	....	.....	.....	....	29	29
33	Indian Head	7	5	5	1	1	3	1	.....	1	1	33	37

34	Qu'Appelle	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	25
35	Moosomin	8	4	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	53
36	Doric	3	3	3	1	....	2	....	....	1	....	50	51
37	Alberta	4	4	3	....	....	6	....	....	....	2	49	47
38	Battle	1	2	1	3	....	1	2	....	....	....	26	27
39	Birtle	1	2	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	36	35
40	Deloraine	6	4	5	3	....	3	....	....	1	....	30	35
41	North Star	4	3	3	1	....	4	....	....	1	2	48	48
42	Cascade	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	39	39
43	Lebanon	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	29
44	Oak Lake	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	24	24
45	Spitzie	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	30
46	Wapananung	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	....	....	14	.....
47	Ashlar	4	3	3	1	....	3	....	....	1	....	23	24
48	Glenboro	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	....	....	....	43	39
49	Temple	3	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	21	23
50	Killarney	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	30
51	Treherne	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	19	19
52	Hartney	10	8	9	1	....	3	2	....	....	....	23	29
53	Edmonton	6	6	6	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	48	50
54	Oriental	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	30
55	East Star	....	1	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	18	15
56	Maple Leaf	2	2	3	....	....	2	....	....	1	....	20	19
57	Evening Star	6	6	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	28	34
58	Innisfail	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	16	15
59	Red Deer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	....	....	11	.....
60	Perfection	2	4	4	5	....	3	....	....	1	....	42	45
61	North-West Mounted Police	3	3	2	....	....	1	1	....	....	1	41	42
62	Russell	4	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	24
63	Holland	5	5	5	1	....	3	....	....	1	....	23	25
64	Composite	6	7	8	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	26
65	Eureka	7	6	6	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	11	16
66	Acacia	8	6	5	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	9	18
U.D	Wawanesa	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	10
		192	169	168	71	15	114	88	25	25	15	2643	2669

LODGE DIRECTORY.

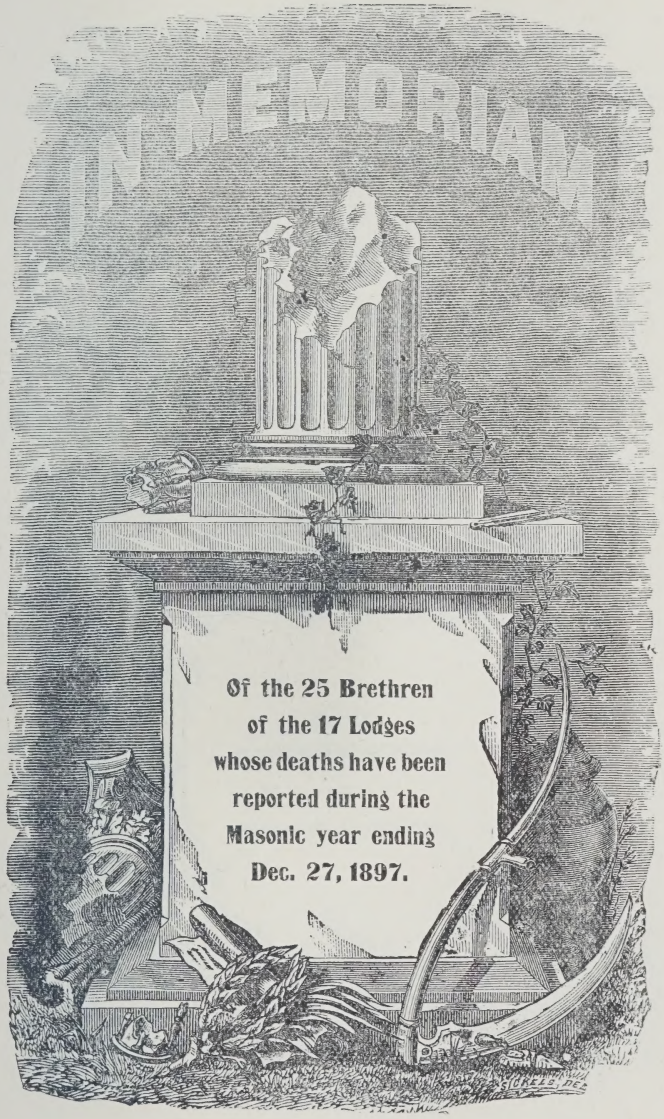
Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

Name of Lodge.	Town and Post Office Address.	Municipality.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1 Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	T. Harry Webb	G. A. Hargrave	Third Tuesday in each month.
2 Lisgar	Selkirk	St. Andrews	Manitoba	John J. Erskine	E. O. Whealler	First Monday in each month.
3 Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	John Thomson	W.E Hazley(Act'g)	Third Monday in each month.
4 St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Angus Grant	S. G. G. Thompson	First Wednesday in each month.
6 Emerson*	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	E. F. Bucknam	Rev. W. J. Garton	Thursday on or before full moon.
7 Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Port. la Prairie	Manitoba	Cecil G. Woodside	Leslie Remey	Third Wednesday in each month.
8 King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	James McTavish	R. F. McTavish	First Tuesday in each month.
9 Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	Gavin McClure	W. J. Hemenway	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10 Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	E. K. Beeston	Wm. Hill	Third Thursday in each month.
11 Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	T. L. Morton	John Ferguson	Monday on or before full moon.
12 Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	Rev. A. W. Goulding	W Montgomery	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13 Belmont	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	Peter Rutherford	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
14 Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	R. H. Myers	S. L. Taylor	Friday on or before full moon.
15 Corinthian	Rapid City	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Rev. Andrew Chisholm	R. P. Crookshank	First Tuesday in each month.
16 Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan.	Charles O. Davidson	James Stewart	First Friday in each month.
19 Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	J. S. Brayfield	Henry L. Adolph	Second Tuesday in each month.
23 Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	Francis Nash	Hugh Armour	First Tuesday in each month.
24 Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	John Wemyss	J. H. Howden	Wednesday on or before full moon
25 Ionic	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Francis J. Burd	R. H. Pyne	First Friday in each month
26 Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	Alexander Brechin	W. C. Sanders	Second Tuesday in each month.
27 Glenwood	Souris	Glenwood	Manitoba	Edward J. Crawford	James A. Ovas	Friday on or before full moon.
28 Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	John De Sousa	Wm. Douche	Second Monday in each month.
29 Carberry	Carberry	North Cypress	Manitoba	W. W. Ireland	Robert Hay	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30 Manitou	Manitou	Pembina	Manitoba	John Phelan	James Herald	Friday on or before full moon,
31 Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	H. C. U. Yuill	C. E. Smyth	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32 Qu Appelle Valley*	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	S. C. Elkington	F. S Proctor	Tuesday on or before full moon.

33 Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	F L. McKay	H. H. Campkin	Friday on or before full moon.
34 Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	John P. Jones	Frederick Bell	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35 Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	Oliver Neff	John Smithers	Wednesday on or before full moon
36 Doric*	Boissevain	Morton	Manitoba	J. A. Wright	J. D. Baine	Tuesday on or before full moon.
37 Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	Ronald Hilton	Henry Little	Wednesday on or before full moon
38 Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	Edward Matheson	J. R. Michael	First Wednesday in each month.
39 Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	Peter Duncan	John Lane	Second Monday in each month.
40 Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Manitoba	Wm. R. David	M. A. Wilson	Wednesday on or before full moon
41 North Star*	Lethbridge		Alberta	Thomas McNabb	Geo. W. Robinson	Second Monday in each month.
42 Cascade	Banff		Alberta	Hugh C. Killeen	N. O. G Rodell	Thursday on or before full moon.
43 Lebanon*	Virden	Wallace	Manitoba	Sidney E. Lang	Henry J. Pugh	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44 Oak Lake*	Oak Lake	Sifton	Manitoba	W. J. Helliwell	Thos. B. Mitchell	Thursday on or before full moon.
45 Spitzie*	Pincher Creek		Alberta	J. H. Schofield	H. E. Hyde	Friday on or before full moon.
47 Ashlar*	Whitewood		Assiniboia	John H. Knowler	R. Goldschmidt	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48 Glenboro	Glenboro	South Cypress	Manitoba	Wm. Noble	F. T. Axford	Second Monday in each month.
49 Temple	McGregor	North Norfolk	Manitoba	Ezra E. Turner	Frank M. Berry	Wednesday on or after full moon.
50 Killarney*	Killarney	Turtle Mount'n	Manitoba	Arthur E. Fremlin	Richard Brown	Friday on or before full moon.
51 Treherne	Treherne	South Norfolk	Manitoba	Adam Forbes	G. F. Campbell	Friday on or before full moon.
52 Hartney	Hartney	Winchester	Manitoba	Wm. Hopkins	Wm. F. Hopkins	Tuesday on or before full moon.
53 Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	E. A. Braithwaite	K. MacKenzie	Third Friday in each month.
54 Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	John Crerar	Arthur N. Pope	Thursday on or before full moon,
55 East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	Thomas W. Campain	Otto Schultz(Act'g)	Wednesday on or before full moon
56 Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	Wm. Barnwell	John Dixon	Thursday on or before full moon.
57 Evening Star	Grenfell		Assiniboia	Edward Fitzgerald	J. W. Jones	Tuesday on or after full moon.
58 Innisfail	Innisfail		Alberta	John A. Wilson	W. A. B. Richards.	Third Thursday in each month.
60 Perfection	Calgary		Alberta	F. F. Higgs	D. T. Forbes	Third Tuesday in each month.
61 Northwest M't'd Police	Regina		Assiniboia	Henry T. Ayre	Paul Wolters	First Thursday in each month,
62 Russell	Russell	Russell	Manitoba	John W. Fraser	E. A. Struthers	Wednesday on or before full moon
63 Holland	Holland	South Norfolk	Manitoba	Charles J. Crawley	F. H. Dagg	Wednesday on or before full moon
64 Composite	Alexander	Whitehead	Manitoba	Albert Fenwick	D. A. Wickware	Thursday on or before full moon.
65 Eureka	Lacombe		Alberta	G. W. Streeter	E. J. Reavie	First Wednesday in each month.
66 Acacia	South Edmonton		Alberta	A. C. Rutherford	J. H. Tranter	Second Thursday in each month.
67 Wawanesa	Wawanesa	Oakland	Manitoba	Joseph Cornell	W. T. Johnstone	Monday on or before full moon.

DEATHS 25—17 LODGES.

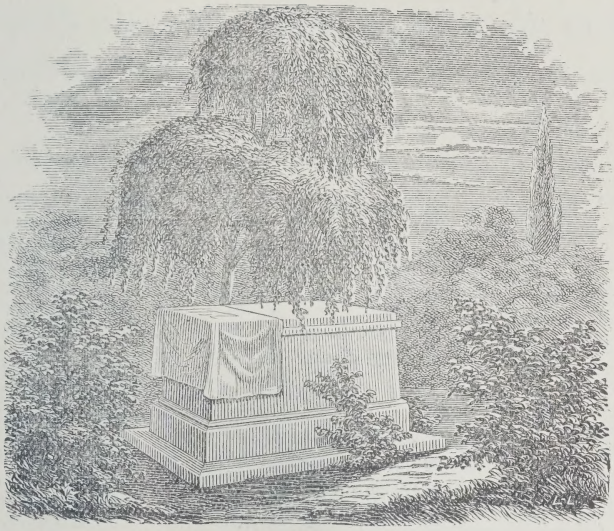
NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	
William Crawford	2 April, 1897	Prince Rupert's	1
Richard Kingdon	4 March, 1897	Lisgar	2
William Sinclair	29 March, 1897	Lisgar	2
Edward Thaddeus Hooker	6 August, 1897	Lisgar	2
John Headley Bell	16 March, 1897	Ancient Landmark	3
George Harvey	24 October, 1897	Ancient Landmark	3
Albert Harrison Van Etten	8 December, 1897	Ancient Landmark	3
William Alexander Crisp	13 June, 1897	Assiniboine	7
Thomas Scott	30 April, 1897	Corinthian	15
Laird Andrew Patton	15 February, 1897	Brandon	19
Harry Melvin Sage	10 January, 1897	Brandon	19
James Stanley	27 September, 1897	Brandon	19
James Hopkins	13 April, 1897	Glenwood	27
George Hamilton	12 March, 1897	Bow River	28
Robert Henry W. Rawlinson	22 October, 1897	Bow River	28
Samuel Livingstone	4 October, 1897	Bow River	28
Robert Crawford	22 September, 1897	Indian Head	33
William Hufner	31 August, 1897	Doric	36
William Callandar Neelin	31 October, 1897	Deloraine	40
Robert Niven	20 August, 1897	North Star	41
James Sumner	19 April, 1897	Ashlar	47
James Emmond	24 February, 1897	Treherne	51
William Robert McMinn	13 September, 1897	Maple Leaf	56
Henry William Christian Meyer	2 February, 1897	Perfection	60
Robert Jamieson	15 November, 1897	Holland	63


IN MEMORIAM
Of the 25 Brethren
of the 17 Lodges
whose deaths have been
reported during the
Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1897.

"Their's, the crown wreath, never fading,
Their's, the music of the skies;
Our's, the eyes, all dimmed with weeping:
Their's the ever tearless eyes."

IN MEMORIAM
Of the
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
of
Sister Grand Lodges.

"'And if not home to us, yet lead them home
To where Thou standest at the heavenly gate,
That so, from Thee, they shall not further roam;
And grant us patient hearts Thy gathering time to wait."



In Memoriam of

R.·.W.·. BRO. ALBERT HARRISON VANETTEN,

Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Born at Vanettenville, New York, October 23rd, 1843.

Died in Winnipeg, Manitoba, December 8th, 1897

" One by one we miss the voices,
Which we loved so well to hear;
One by one the kindly faces
In that shadow disappear."

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	
James McPherson Clark	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
Edwin Doidge	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
Lennox Garrett	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
James Graham Harvey, Jr.	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
Charles William N. Kennedy	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
James Ellis Kimberley	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
William Laird	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
John Robert Steep	21 December, 1897.	Prince Rupert's	1
William Herbison Eaton	7 June, 1897	Lisgar	2
William James McLean	7 June, 1897	Lisgar	2
James Stephen Connacher	7 June, 1897	Lisgar	2
James McGrain	7 June, 1897	Lisgar	2
James Smith	7 June, 1897	Lisgar	2
Adolphus Barker	13 December, 1897.	Ancient Landmark	3
Herbert James Belch	13 December, 1897.	Ancient Landmark	3
Herbert Paterson	13 December, 1897.	Ancient Landmark	3
Joshua Huntington Rose	13 December, 1897.	Ancient Landmark	3
Alexander McGowan	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
William Pengelly	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
Frank Wade	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
Emiel Welte	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
Herbert Arthur Westbury	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
Harper Wilson	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
John Leslie Montague	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
Harry Hodges	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
Timothy Hodgkinson	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
John Randolph Cameron	2 June, 1897	St. John's	4
Reuben Steeves	18 March, 1897	Emerson	6
Joseph Wilkinson Campbell	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
Edward Henry George G. Hay	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
James Hay	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
William Logie Lyall	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
John Drynan Morton	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
Esper Mikkleson	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
George Moore,	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
Andrew W. Ross	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
Roland C. Brown	15 December, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
Thomas Henry Gilmour	18 February, 1897.	Northern Light	10
Joseph Edward Hannah	18 February, 1897.	Northern Light	10
George Russell Thompson	18 February, 1897.	Northern Light	10
Henry Villiers Villiers	18 February, 1897.	Northern Light	10

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—CONTINUED.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	
George Frederick Lee Garden	18 November, 1897.	Northern Light	10
Richard Hicks	18 November, 1897.	Northern Light	10
Waldemar Thiem White	18 November, 1897.	Northern Light	10
Thomas Howard Wright	18 November, 1897.	Northern Light	10
Charles Aencas Shaw	18 November, 1897.	Northern Light	10
Robert McDonnell Thomson	18 November, 1897.	Northern Light	10
John Humphrey Beck	12 April, 1897	Gladstone	11
David Cameron	12 April, 1897	Gladstone	11
James Sherra Lloyd	12 April, 1897	Gladstone	11
John McLean	12 April, 1897	Gladstone	11
George Charles McLeod	3 December, 1897.	Kinistino	19
William Oakden	3 December, 1897.	Kinistino	19
John Sefton Pendygrass	3 December, 1897.	Kinistino	19
Joseph Henry Brown	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
John Alexander Brown	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
James Henry Bell	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Frederick Forest Bennet	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Arthur Robert Cook	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Philip E. Durst	14 December, 1897,	Brandon	19
Henry Godkin Dickson	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Ronald C. Ferguson	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Edward Hughes	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Edward Fuller Lang	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Robert McLean	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
Philip Kershaw Sidebottom	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
David Richard Taylor	14 December, 1897.	Brandon	19
William Cranston	7 May, 1897	Ionic	25
Daniel Hugh Coates	4 June, 1897	Ionic	25
Charles Ernest Hearn	4 June, 1897	Ionic	25
Donald Archibald Monroe	4 June, 1887	Ionic	25
Harry Pomeroy Pratt	4 June, 1897	Ionic	25
William Wallace Watson	4 June, 1897	Ionic	25
Clifford Herbert Young	4 June, 1897	Ionic	25
Frederick G. F. LaPenotiere	14 June, 1897	Bow River	25
Alexander Lucas	14 June, 1897	Bow River	25
Wesley Fletcher Orr	14 June, 1897	Bow River	25
Isaac Potter	14 June, 1897	Bow River	25
Francis Pyman	14 June, 1897	Bow River	25
Harry William T. Grant	13 March, 1897	Manitou	30
Edmund William Stewart	11 June, 1897	Indian Head	33
Herbert McCleneghan	5 May, 1897	Battle	38
Oscar Fitzallan Orr	5 May, 1897	Battle	38
Edward Sharpe	13 December, 1897.	Glenboro	48
Alexander Porteous Smeaton	13 December, 1897.	Glenboro	48
Joseph William Barter	12 January, 1897	Hartney	52
George Wesley Rose	13 April, 1897	Hartney	52
James Gordon Main	7 October, 1897	N. W. M. Police	61

RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	
James Smith	6 December, 1897.	Lisgar	2
Frederick Barry	13 December, 1897.	Ancient Landmark	3
Arthur George Luke Guy	8 November, 1887.	Ancient Landmark	3
John McCallum	14 March, 1897.	St. John's	4
Charles Edward Lang	17 February, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
Roderick McCuaig	15 September, 1897.	Assiniboine	7
Frank Revell	2 November, 1897.	King Solomon	8
John McLaren	18 January, 1897.	Gladstone	11
Nelson H. Neilson	30 June, 1897.	Stonewall	11
Richard Brumsden	2 December, 1897.	Belmont	13
James Bowmore Mutter	8 December, 1897.	Neepawa	24
Charles Ernest Hearn	3 December, 1897.	Ionic	25
Thomas William Robinson	12 April, 1897	Bow River	28
Ernest Joseph Ridsdale	12 February, 1897.	Indian Head	33
John Taylor	4 November, 1897.	Oak Lake	44

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

When Elected.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens.	Grand Junior Wardens.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secketaries.	Grand Registrars.	Grand Chaplains.
1875	*Rev. W.C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson . .	*Col. John Kennedy	*John H. Bell	‡H.T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson.	*S. L. Bedson	G. F. Newcomb .	‡J. J. Johnson .	*John H. Bell	J. W. Harris . .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb . .	James Henderson.	John W. Harris	. . . . .	‡J. J. Johnson .	*John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G.F. Newcomb . .	John W. Harris	Simon Duffin .	*F. T. Bradley . .	‡J. J. Johnson .	*John H. Bell	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris	Simon Duffin .	R. McQuaig . . .	‡J. J. Johnson .	*John H. Bell	‡James Munroe	Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell . .	. . . . .	*Hon G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor	‡J. J. Johnson .	Wm. G. Scott .	†D. G. Dick . .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	*John H. Bell . .	Wm. G. Scott . .	†D. B. Murray	. . . . .	‡J. J. Johnson .	James Henderson	†D. G. Dick . .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	*John H. Bell . .	Wm. G. Scott . .	†Alfred Pearson,	. . . . .	‡J. J. Johnson .	. . . . .	†D. G. Dick . .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	*John H. Bell . .	†D. B. Murray	R. McQuaig .	†John Smith, M.D.	‡J. J. Johnson .	Wm. G. Scott .	D. Young, M.D.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	*John H. Bell . .	. . . . .	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N, J. Lindsay, M.D.	‡J, J. Johnson .	Wm. G. Scott .	†Wm. Simpson	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	. . . . .	†Alfred Pearson	P. McGreogr .	†Thos. Collins . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	*J.W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	†Alfred Pearson .	Peter McGregor	*J.W.H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	Wm. G. Bell . .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark .	John A. Kerr .	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell . . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	Jas. S. Greig . .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark .	James A. Ovas .	Wm. G. Bell .	R. C. Brown . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	Joseph Daniel. .	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell . .	Tho L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1890	James A. Ovas . .	Wm. G. Bell . .	†T. McPherson	Fred. L. Newman .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	†R.W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
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1893	D. J. Goggin . . .	Thos. Robinson.	Thomas Tweed	Corbet Locke . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	J. H. Munson .	Rev. William J. Garton.
1884	Thomas Tweed .	Charles N. Bell .	Corbet Locke.	Hugh U. Bain . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	Rev. A. W. F. Cooper.	Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell .	Corbet Locke .	James Leslie .	G. B. Murphy . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	John Chambers.	Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke . . .	John Leslie . .	F. L. Newman.	T. F. English . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	C. N. Mitchell .	Rev J. W. Matheson.
1897	Thomas Robinson	G. B. Murphy .	Rev. W. J. Garton.	Wm. Crawford . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	J. O. Smith. . .	Rev. Andrew Chisholm.
898	George B. Murphy	H. J. Eberts . .	R.S. Thornton.	W. A. Windatt . .	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott .	Edgar W. Rugg.	Rev. C. R. Littler

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
British Columbia.	James A. Carley	Winnipeg	September 5, 1894
New Brunswick	George F. Newcomb	Napinka	September 29, 1875
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edw'd Isl'd	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895

From the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	October 15, 1896
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	November 30, 1888
Arkansas	Mathew M. Duffie	Winnipeg	January 11, 1896
California	Fred. Leslie Newman	Port'ge la Prairie	September 15, 1892
Colorado	Wm. H. Seach	Winnipeg	November 28, 1883
Connecticut	George Black	Winnipeg	February 19, 1876
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg	January 1, 1898
Dist. of Columbia	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	November 27, 1888
Florida	Rev S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thos. Lewis Morton	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho.	Rev. W. J. Garton	Emerson	July 7, 1897
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Souris	January 1. 1895
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Samuel Reid Marlatt	Port'ge la Prairie	February 14, 1891
Maryland	Alexander Nicol	Neepawa	December 26, 1883
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	January 30, 1897
Minnesota.	Hugh McCowan	Winnipeg	March 1, 1881
Mississippi	William G. Bell.	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd	Minnedosa	February 12, 1881
Montana	Herman J. Eberts	Winnipeg	April 23, 1897
Nebraska	Rich'd Dennis Foley	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed
Nevada	Corbet Locke	Morden	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	November 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	November 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	William Crawford	Macleod, Alta.	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	John H. D. Munson	Winnipeg	August 1, 1890
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alex. G. McKenzie	Stonewall	December 15, 1883
Rhode Island	James George Dagg	Selkirk	December 8, 1894
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1898
South Dakota	Herbert H. Goulter	Virden	December 1, 1897
Texas	Titus W. Robinson	Moose Jaw, Assa	March 15, 1879
Utah	George B. Murphy	Moosomin, Assa	May 20, 1897
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1896
Virginia	William F. Ellis	Manitou	June 20, 1889
West Virginia	John A. Kerr	Regina, Assa	March 14. 1887
Wisconsin	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	March 31, 1887

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain.	April 14, 1891
New South Wales	Dan'l H. McMillian	Winnipeg	June 24, 1889
New Zealand	Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat	February 25, 1893
Victoria	F. G. Lewin	Moosomin	February 14, 1898

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munroe	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	J. F. McDonald	Hopewell	May 19, 1877
Prince Edw'd Isl'd	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	September 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1897
Ireland	Geo. W. Shannon	Dublin	December 30, 1890
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
Dis't of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby	Washington	October 16, 1895
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	Wm. James Oak	Goodland	March 18, 1898
Iowa	Geo. M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May 1, 1895
Maine	A. M. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	St. Louis	
Montana	J. McKnight	Virginia City	November 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	Alex. O. Percy	Gold Hill	July 23, 1897
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Burlington	November 23, 1894
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts	New York	December 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Ros. W. Knowlton	Fargo	January 19, 1891
Ohio	C. F. Baldwin	Mount Vernon	March 7, 1893
Oregon	J. J. Spencer	Lafayette	
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	J. C. Cawood	Danridge	January 10, 1882
Texas	E. J. Simpkins	Corsicana	September 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	September 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	W. H. Bolling	Wytheville	
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	April 10, 1891
West Virginia	Nathaniel Turner	Wayne	March 9, 1887
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884

In Other Countries

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	Ellis Robinson	Sidney	November 10, 1893
New Zealand	Hon. H. Feldwick	Auckland	December 10, 1892
South Australia	James M. Symons	Moonta	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	February 17, 1891

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
British Clumbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario)	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	S. Twining Hartt	St. John's.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle D. G. S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	T. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka Choctaw Nat'n.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, D'wr 81.
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New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. Temple
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinatti.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, P.O. Box 275.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 780.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.
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New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray.	Sydney.
New Zealand.	Rev. W. Ronaldson.	Dunedia, Otayo.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Victoria.	John Brain	Melbourne.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons was opened in the Masonic Hall, at the Town of Regina, District of Assiniboia, on Wednesday, June 14th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35) .....Grand Master.
" " " James Alexander Ovas (27)....as Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. " " Robert Stirton Thornton (40) ....Grand Senior Warden.
" " " William Andrew Windatt (3).... Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11) ... D. D. Grand Master.
" " " William Fenwick (64) .....D. D. Grand Master.
" " " Frederick Stephen Proctor (32) ...D. D. Grand Master.
V.·. " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10).....as Grand Treasurer.
R.·. " " William George Scott (1) .....Grand Secretary.
" " " Edgar William Rugg (3) .....Grand Registrar.
M.·. " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....as Grand Chaplain.
V.·. " " Harry Herbert Campkin (33)..... Grand Senior Deacon.
" " John Perkins Jones (34).....as Grand Junior Deacon.
R.·. W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10) as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " Frank Leys McKay (33).....as Grand Organist.
V.·. " " Alexander B. Gillis (47) .....Grand Steward.
" " " John Snowden Brayfield (19).....Grand Steward.

V.·. W.·. Bro. William Braden (4).....Grand Steward.
" " " William Barnwell (56).....Grand Steward.
" " William Taylor Speed (49).....as Grand Steward.
" " William Hopkins (52).....as Grand Steward.
" " John Tucker (35).....as Grand Steward.
" " Alexander Shepphard (23).....as Grand Steward.
" " William Edward Fisher (26) . ....as Grand Pursuivant.
" Alfred Day Wright (—).....as Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1).....Past Grand Master.
" " " James Alexander Ovas (27).....Past Grand Master.
" " " David James Goggin (10).....Past Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Tweed (31).....Past Grand Master.
R.·. " " William George Scott (1)... Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " John Alexander Kerr (23)...Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Rev. William John Garton (6) Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Hugh Urquhart Bain (16)... Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " William Crawford (31).....Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25).....P.D.D.G M.
" " " John McGuirl (35).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William Thomas Findlay (31)..... ... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " James Henry Benson (23).....P.D.D.G.M.
" " " George William Baker (10)..... P.D.D.G.M

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges:

Connecticut ....R.·. W.·. Bro. George William Baker.
Idaho ... . " " " Rev. William John Garton.
Ireland ..... " " " William George Scott.
Kansas ....M.·. " " James Alexander Ovas.
Maine .... R.·. " " Robert Stirton Thornton.
New Brunswick .... " " " John McGuirl.
New Hampshire .....M.·. " " David James Goggin.
North Carolina ....R.·. " " William Crawford.
Nova Scotia .....M.·. " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara.
Ohio .....R.·. " " Willard Cooke Copeland.
South Carolina ..... " " " William Andrew Windatt.
Tennessee ....V.·. " " Harry Herbert Campkin.
Utah..... .....M.·. " " George B. Murphy.
West Virginia . ...R.·. " " William Fenwick.
Wisconsin ....V.·. " " William Braden.

And the Following Past Masters:

R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1)
M.·. " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1)
R.·. " " William Andrew Windatt (3)
" " " Edgar William Rugg (3)
V.·. " " Arthur Walter Ross Markley (3)
" " John Thomson (3)
V.·. " " William Braden (4)
R.·. " " Rev. William John Garton (6)
M.·. " " David James Goggin (10)
R.·. " " George William Baker (10)
V.·. " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10)
R.·. " " Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11)
" " " Hugh Urquhart Bain (16)
V.·. " " Joseph Montgomery Robinson (19)
" " " John Snowden Brayfield (19)
R.·. " " John Alexander Kerr (23)
" " " James Henry Benson (23)
" " Samuel Bell Jameson (23)
" " Philip Thomas (23)
" " John R. Marshall (23)
" " William Cayley Hamilton (23)
R.·. " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25)
" " Alexander Brechin (26)
M.·. " " James Alexander Ovas (27)
" " " Thomas Tweed (31)
R.·. " " William Thomas Finlay (31)
" " " William Crawford (31)
" " " Frederick Stephen Proctor (32)
V.·. " " Harry Herbert Campkin (33)
M.·. " " George B. Murphy (35)
R.·. " " John McGuirl (35)
" " James Montgomery (35)
" " John Tucker (35)
" " Edward James Wright (37)
" " William Pocklington (37)
V.·. " " Robert Nathaniel Wilson (37)
R.·. " " Robert Stirton Thornton (40)
V.·. " " Archibald B. Gillis (47)
" " W. A. Lamont (47)
" " William Hopkins (52)
" " Edward Ainslie Braithwaite (53)

W.·. Bro. John Dixon (56)
" " Isaac Forbes (56)
V.·. " " Wm. Barnwell (56)
" " James Albert Sutherland (57)
R.·. " " William Fenwick (64)

Before Grand Lodge was opened Mr. J. S. Donahue, Councillor, and Mr. James Balfour, Secretary-Treasurer, were announced, introduced by M.·. W.·. Bro. D. J. Goggin, and presented the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

The Municipal Council of the Town of Regina offers a hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons on the occasion of its second meeting in this town, the capital of the Northwest Territories.

The visit of a Grand Lodge of a society, ancient, honorable and far reaching as that of the Free Masons, is an event of which any town may feel proud, and remembering that your society is based upon affection and brotherly love, the welcome shewn is one that can be shared by every right feeling person.

The Municipal Council of the Town of Regina trusts that the members of the Grand Lodge will be favorably impressed by their visit to this Town ; and hopes that the work to be done and the objects in view will be effected to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In behalf of the Council, we the subscribed, thank the Grand Lodge for selecting Regina as its place of meeting, and assure you that we shall ever cherish the recollection of your visit, and we hope that the time is not distant when Regina will again be favored with a recurrence of so pleasant and interesting an occasion.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council.

J. S. DONAHUE, *Councillor*,
JAS. BALFOUR, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

The Grand Master suitably acknowledged the compliment, spoke of the pleasure it gave the brethren to meet at Regina, after which the deputation withdrew.

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D. (1), Acting Grand Chaplain.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden (4), seconded by W. Bro. John Thomson (3), the regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), seconded by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twenty-third Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on the 8th, 9th and 10th days of June, A.D. 1898, A.L. 5898, copies of which were printed and forwarded to the subordinate lodges, were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master M.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, then read his annual address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

At this Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge I greet you for the first time at Regina, the capital of the Northwest Territories, within our jurisdiction.

As you saw fit one year ago to elect me to the high and dignified position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I crave your patience and indulgence while I render, according to constitutional requirement, an account of my official acts. Before doing so let us express our gratitude to the Most High for the many favors shown

us during the past year, and pray that He may guide and direct our deliberations so that all our legislation may be in the best interests of Freemasonry.

DEATHS.

The "Angel of Death," since last we met, has gathered his usual harvest. Our own jurisdiction has sustained a severe loss in the deaths of two earnest and devoted Masons. R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers, Past Grand Registrar, was accidentally drowned at Shoal Lake, Manitoba, on July 24th, 1898. Bro. Chambers will be greatly missed, not only by individual Masons, but by this Grand Lodge.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John Cotton, District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Six, passed away at Battleford, District of Saskatchewan, on May 7th, 1899, after a very painful illness. Bro. Cotton was well known in the Northwest, he having been a resident since 1870, and has been prominently connected with the Northwest Mounted Police from 1881 to the time of his death.

Notices of the following deaths have been received from sister jurisdictions :

ALABAMA.—M.·. W.·. Bro. Henry Clay Tompkins, Past Grand Master, died September 12, 1898, aged fifty-seven years.

ARKANSAS.— M.·. W.·. Bro. James H. Van Hoose, Past Grand Master, died May 6, 1899, aged 68 years.

COLORADO.—M.·. W.·. Bro. Owen Harrison Henry died October 4th, 1898, aged 57 years. M.·. W.·. Bro. George Edward Wyman, Past Grand Master, died March 6th, 1899.

ILLINOIS.—M.·. W.·. Bro. De Witt Clinton Gregier, Past Grand Master, died November 9th, 1898, aged 70 years, and M.·. W.·. Bro. James Andrew Hawley, Past Grand Master, died December 30th, 1898.

KANSAS.—M.·. W.·. Bro. Henry C. Cook, Past Grand Master, died June 12th, 1898, and M.·. W.·. Bro. John Moses Price, Past Grand Master, died October 19th, 1898.

NEBRASKA.—M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert C. Jordan, Past Grand Master, died January 9th, 1899, aged 75 years ; and R.·. W.·. Bro. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, died May 6th, 1899, aged 63 years.

NORTH DAKOTA.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas J. Wilder, Past Grand Secretary, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Territorial Grand Lodge of Dakota, died October 25th, 1898, aged 62 years.

NOVA SCOTIA.—M.·.W.·. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Past Grand Master, died February 1st, 1899.

OHIO.—M.·. W.·. Bro. Charles C. Kiefer, Past Grand Master, died March 21st, 1899.

OREGON.—M.·. W.·. Bro. George M. Stroud, Past Grand Master, died April 14th, 1899, aged 72 years.

TENNESSEE.—M.·. W.·. Bro. Archelaus M. Hughes, Past Grand Master, died October 25th, 1898.

VIRGINIA.—M.·. W.·. Bro. John Paterson Fitzgerald, Past Grand Master, died June 10th, 1898; M.·.W.·. Bro. William Francis Drinkhard, Past Grand Master, died July 11, 1898; and M.·. W.·. Bro. John R. Purdie, Past Grand Master, died November 10th, 1898, aged 90 years.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the past year a number of changes have taken place in the offices of Grand Representatives to and from this Grand Lodge.

In connection with the question of Grand Representatives I have carefully looked into the matter, and after consideration, have decided that in cases where members of the Grand Lodge have been honored by sister jurisdictions it is their duty to be present at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. In many cases they have failed to do so. In fact a number have been absent for several successive years. I instructed the Grand Secretary to notify the Grand Master of the Grand Lodges whose representatives have been derelict in their duties, and to submit the names of other brethren for appointment. The names of the brethren thus appointed on my recommendation will be given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

NEW LODGES.

I have granted dispensations for four new Lodges during the past year as follows:

Vermillion Lodge, Dauphin, Manitoba.
Yorkton Lodge, Yorkton, Assiniboia.
Shiloh Lodge, Roland, Manitoba.
Crystal Lodge, Crystal City, Manitoba.

Reports from these Lodges will be presented to you, and if their work is in accordance with our laws and regulations, charters will, no doubt, be issued.

DECISIONS.

The following are the most important decisions given by me during the past year:

1. That an applicant for the degrees of Masonry is not debarred from admission to the Craft through having lost his left hand.

2. That an applicant for the Degrees of Masonry is debarred admission to the Craft through having lost a foot.

3. That a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, when absent, cannot delegate powers and authority to another. Section 221 of the Constitution provides that "in the absence of the Master the Senior Warden (and in his absence also, the Junior Warden) shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Master, except conferring degrees."

4. That a Lodge cannot confer the E. A. degree on more than one candidate at the same time.

5. That Lodge By-Laws have no force or effect until approved by the Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been issued by my authority:

August 20, 1898. To East Star Lodge No. 55, to confer the M.M. degree within the prescribed time on a brother removing from the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

Sept. 6, 1898. To Cascade Lodge, No. 42, to hold a special election and installation to fill vacancy in the office of Junior Warden.

October 20, 1898. To Brandon Lodge, No. 19, to re-ballot on a rejected candidate.

November 20, 1898. To Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, to hold meetings pending issue of a new charter, the original charter having been destroyed by fire.

November 25, 1898. To Treherne Lodge, No. 51, to hold meetings, pending issue of new charter, the original charter having been destroyed by fire.

January, 2, 1899. To Battle Lodge, No. 38, to hold a special election and installation of officers.

January 6, 1899. To Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, to hold a special election and installation to fill vacancy in the office of Junior Warden.

January 7, 1899. To Alberta Lodge, No. 37, to install the W.·. Master elect, who was unable to be present at the regular date of installation.

January 9, 1899. To Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, to confer the M.·. M.·. degree within the prescribed time on a brother removing to British Columbia.

January 16, 1899. To Brandon Lodge, No. 19, to wear Masonic clothing at a ball held under the auspices of the Lodge.

February 2, 1899. To Russell Lodge, No. 62, to install the W. Master elect, who was unable to attend at the regular date of installation.

I granted a number of dispensations to wear Masonic clothing at Divine Service, particulars of which will be given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

I refused, in two cases, to grant dispensations to confer degrees within the prescribed time, the reasons advanced, in my opinion, not being sufficient to warrant the exercise of the dispensing power. I also refused to grant a dispensation to bury with Masonic honors a brother who had been suspended for non-payment of dues. To have complied with this request would have been a violation of the provisions of our Constitution.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

During the past year I examined, revised and approved the By-laws of Composite Lodge, No. 64, and Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67, and approved amendments to the By-Laws of the following: St. John's Lodge, No. 4, Doric Lodge, No. 36, Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, and Oriental Lodge, No. 54.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

At the request of R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, D. D. Grand Master of District No. 7, on November 1st, 1898, I authorized him to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Brandon. Bro. Fenwick reports a most successful meeting. Great interest was manifested by the brethren present, and the efforts made to exemplify the work for their benefit was much appreciated. He recommends that his successor in office hold a meeting at least once a year at some place in his district.

By request of W.·. Bro. Edmund K. Beeston, W. M. of Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, Winnipeg, on December 7th, 1898, I authorized the following Lodges to hold, jointly, Lodges of Instruction :

Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg.
Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, Winnipeg.
Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Winnipeg.

COMPLAINT.

As an indication that harmony and good will prevail throughout the jurisdiction I am pleased to say that only one complaint was made to me during the past year. I was unable to give my decision in that case until further information was furnished me.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with other Grand Lodges continue to be of the most pleasant and friendly character.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee advised me that at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, the following resolution had been adopted by a unanimous vote, viz :

" That the representative system heretofore existing in Tennessee be restored. "

He requested, on behalf of that Grand Lodge, an interchange of Representatives, with which request I gladly complied.

Copies of edicts from the Grand Lodges of Iowa and New York, and a circular from the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru in removing the Bible from the altars of the Lodges in that jurisdiction have been received. These documents have been referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. I have also referred to the same committee correspondence and circular referring to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in regard to negro masonry. I deemed it inadvisable to take action.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from making as many official visits as I intended. Owing to the illness of my aged mother in Eastern Canada, I found it was necessary for me to pay a visit there. At my request, R.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, Deputy Grand Master, kindly consented to visit as many Lodges, on my behalf, as he could conveniently find time to do. He will make a special report of these visits, and I desire here to express my grateful appreciation of the services so ably rendered.

I visited the following Lodges officially:

April 18, 1899. Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, Grenfell.
April 25, 1899. Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, Whitewood.
May 12, 1899. Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, Moose Jaw.
May 25, 1899. Composite Lodge, No. 64, Alexander.

R.·. W.·. Bro. F. G. Lewin, of Moosomin, accompanied me on my official visit to Composite Lodge, No. 64, and addressed the brethren there.

On the occasion of my visit to Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, I was accompanied by W.·. Bro. O. Neff, P.M., of Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, whose kindness, and that of R.·. W.·. Bro. F. G. Lewin and John McGuirl I very much appreciate.

I visited Yorkton Lodge, U.D., on June 6th, 1899, and Birtle Lodge, No. 39, on June 7th. I was accompanied on my visits by R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl, who delivered an excellent address to each Lodge.

Birtle Lodge, No. 39, owns the building in which it holds its meetings, and the hall is well furnished. Yorkton Lodge has also a well furnished and comfortable hall.

The Masons residing in and near the village of Wapella, District of Assiniboia, having expressed a desire to organize a Lodge, I attended a meeting of the brethren there on April 15th, 1899, and having satisfied myself that a Lodge could be supported, I advised them to make application for a dispensation in accordance with the provisions of our Constitution.

DISTRICT OF YUKON.

On October 15th, 1898, a dispensation was issued authorizing the formation of a Lodge at Dawson City, District of Yukon, with twenty-three charter members, the following being the officers: W.·. Bro. William Edward Thompson, W.M., W.·. Bro. Archibald James Bannerman, S.W., and Bro. Henry Claud Lisle, J.W., the two first named being Past Masters of Lodges under our jurisdiction.

It appears from correspondence received at the Grand Secretary's office that the dispensation was received after considerable delay, caused by the irregular mail service, but the lodge has not been instituted, nor has any explanation been made why the brethren have not convened as a Lodge.

Soon after my installation as Grand Master I received a letter from M.·. W.·. Bro. E. D. McLaren, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, asking me if the Grand Lodge of Manitoba claimed exclusive jurisdiction in the District of Yukon. I replied that our Grand Lodge claimed no more rights in that District than such as might be exercised by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. M.·.W.·. Bro. McLaren's letter and copy of my reply is herewith submitted.

LAYING CORNER STONE.

The members of the Presbyterian church at Breadalbane, Manitoba, requested me, through Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden, to lay the corner stone of the new church being erected there. As I found it impossible to be present I appointed W.·. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, W.M. of Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, to act on my behalf in conducting the ceremonies on June 29th, 1898.

THE VICTORIAN AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND.

At the last Annual Communication it was decided to establish a fund, the interest on which is to be devoted to the support of aged and disabled masons. Feeling a deep personal interest in the matter, I decided to appoint a special committee to be known as "the Committee on the Victorian Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund," consisting of the following brethren :

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D.
" " " Corbet Locke.
" " " Thomas Tweed.
R.·. " " William George Scott.
" " " William Andrew Windatt.
" " " Herman Joseph Eberts.

M.·. W.·. Bro. O'Meara has already delivered a number of lectures in aid of the fund, and we are deeply indebted to him for his zeal in obtaining funds for this laudable object.

STATE OF MASONRY.

It is a special pleasure for me to note the fact that Free Masonry is in a prosperous condition in this jurisdiction. Judging from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters which have reached me, an increase of membership is to be observed, and the lodges, as a whole, are well attended and the work carefully performed. I observe also in the notices of meetings sent me by the Secretaries of the subordin-

ate Lodges, that a goodly number are petitioning for the degrees of Masonry. This indicates that we have an era of prosperity before us.

The brethren of Elkhorn, after considerable delay, are now ready to make application for a dispensation to form a Lodge at that place. The brethren in other towns are preparing to take similar action during the year.

NON-AFFILIATION.

With the constant flow of immigration into the Canadian Northwest from all parts of the world, it necessarily follows that a large number of Masons are taking up their residence in our midst. Many of these brethren, before leaving their former homes, obtained dimits from the Lodges of which they were formerly members, thus increasing the army of non-affiliates. I would recommend that the matter be brought to the attention of our subordinate Lodges by circular or otherwise, strongly urging the desirability of requesting all Masons who would become worthy members, to present their application for membership to some Lodge in our jurisdiction, and at the same time to advise the abolition of the affiliation fee, the payment of which is still required by the by-laws of a number of our Lodges.

GRAND LECTURER.

I would recommend that action be taken on the suggestion of one of my predecessors, that the services of a Grand Lecturer for the jurisdiction be secured, as soon as circumstances will permit. As our subordinate Lodges are composed of members from so many jurisdictions, the only way, in my opinion, that uniformity in the work can be accomplished is by securing the services of some well-skilled brother, whose duty it will be to visit as many Lodges as possible during the year for the purpose of exemplifying the work.

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Owing to the increase in the number of Lodges, and consequent increase in membership, a great amount of work necessarily devolves upon the Grand Secretary, and I deem it my duty to say that he does not receive remuneration in proportion to the services he performs for the Grand Lodge. In our present Grand Secretary we have a painstaking and efficient officer. He has grown up with the work, and is thoroughly conversant with all questions pertaining to the work of this Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges. When, at times, it becomes his duty to rectify any carelessness in the discharge of duties

on the part of Lodge Secretaries, his justice and thoroughness is felt by every Master and Secretary in the jurisdiction, and is fully appreciated by the members. Knowing that so much depends upon an efficient Grand Secretary, in many ways, unnecessary to mention here, but well understood by all members taking an active interest in Masonry, and feeling that an institution of such importance as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba does not desire to accept the services of the officer at present employed while granting him a salary unequal to the duties performed I have taken the liberty of bringing this matter before you. I have also requested a report from the committee appointed at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1896, to look into the administration of the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, with any recommendation they may see fit to make. I have also made a request for an additional report from this Committee as to the amount of work done in these offices and the remuneration given in comparison with other jurisdictions, these reports to be submitted at this meeting of Grand Lodge.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

I would recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren :

R.·.	W.·.	Bro.	William Edward Hazley	District No. 1.
"	"	"	Gregor St. Clair McGregor	" 2.
"	"	"	John Lorne Compbell	" 4.
"	"	"	William Fenwick	" 7.
"	"	"	Frederick Stephen Proctor.....	" 8.
"	"	"	Isaac Stephen Gerow Van Wart ..	" 9.
"	"	"	George Canning Ives	" 10.

THANKS.

I desire to express my thanks to R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for the unfailing courtesy he has shown me, and for assistance rendered during my term of office ; to R.·. W.·. Bro. H. J. Eberts, for his kindness in performing the services already referred to ; and also to the members of the Craft for their patience and indulgence.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, you now have an account of my stewardship for the past year. For the honor you conferred upon me in electing me to this high office one year ago, you have my sincere thanks. I now return to you

the trust committed to my care. If the services have been performed to your satisfaction, I feel that I have done no more than my duty. If all my official acts do not meet with your approval, I can only say that I have had one object in view, the honor and advancement of the Craft. I can, moreover, assure you, that I return the trust to you as free from stain, through any intentional acts of mine, as when you gave it to me one year ago; and while the labors of the year have required much time and attention, they have, for the most part, been pleasant and agreeable.

I trust that all our labors and deliberations may, in every way, be conducive to the best interests of the Craft.

GEORGE B. MURPHY,
Grand Master.

On motion of V.·. W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert N. Wilson (37), the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Secretary, in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, read the following report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

I have the honor to report that, acting on your intimation of the 14th of December last, I consulted with the R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, and, after learning the wishes of the various city Lodges, arrangements were made for their visitation according to the notification sent to you by the Grand Secretary, that is, to:

Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, on February 13th.
Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, on February 16th.
Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, on February 21st.
St. John's Lodge, No. 4, on March 1st.
Ionic Lodge, No. 25, on March 3rd.

Invitations were also sent to the following Grand Officers to accompany me on these occasions:

R.·. W.·. Bro. Dr. R. S. Thornton, Grand Senior Warden.
" " " W. A. Windatt, Grand Junior Warden.
" " " W. E. Hazley, D.D.G.M. District No. 1.
" " " John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.
" " " W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary.
" " " E. W. Rugg, Grand Registrar.
" " " Rev. C. R. Littler, Grand Chaplain.
V.·. " " J. C. Saul, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " E. K. Beeston, Grand Steward.
" " Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler.

The R.·. W.·. Grand Senior Warden, who resides in Deloraine, wrote to say he could not attend.

The R.·. W.·. Grand Junior Warden accompanied me on two occasions. Illness kept him away from the first three.

The R.·.W.·. District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 visited with me the three Lodges first mentioned, prior to his departure for a visit to Ireland.

The R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer was prevented attending any of our meetings through having met with a bad sprain.

The R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary was absent from the jurisdiction during the first three visitations, but cheerfully assisted at the last two.

The Grand Registrar was present at four visitations.

The Rev. the R.·.W.·. Grand Chaplain accompanied me to the first three, and received the warmest enconiums of the brethren for his most excellent addresses. Parish duties prevented his loyal wish to be present at every one. The zeal of an officer who has to drive twenty-two miles in a Manitoba winter to attend a meeting, and who covers the same distance on returning home next day, is worthy of the highest commendation, apart altogether from the exceptional excellence of his speeches and their intrinsic value to the Lodges visited.

V.·. W.·. Bro. J. C. Saul was present at the visit to number three.

V.·. W.·. Bros. E. K. Beeston and Wm. Braden were each with me on four visits, and the venerable the Grand Tyler—it gives me pleasure to say it—missed not once.

It will thus be observed that at each visitation Grand Lodge had a good representation of its elective as well as appointed officers.

Unless you suggest otherwise, I shall not go into detail of each visit. I found the Winnipeg Lodges enthusiastic in their welcome, cordial in the extreme. At each I had the privilege of addressing the brethren, who were present in goodly numbers. I have since been assured that the teachings set forth have been thought weighty and worthy of reception, and that good will result.

There appears to be a concensus of opinion that one ritual only should exist within the jurisdiction. This will properly claim the attention of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge.

On the 14th of April last, I visited officially Doric Lodge, No. 36, at Boissevain, Man., and received a very cordial welcome. It had been previously arranged that on that evening M.·. W.·. Bro. the Very Reverend Dean O'Meara, D.D., should deliver a lecture on "The Congressional Library at Washington, D.C.," in aid of the Fund for Aged and Indigent Masons, previous to the Lodge meeting. The double event gave the occasion an extra zest.

Doric Lodge enjoys the privilege of having a most efficient Secretary and a capable list of officers generally. Few Lodges exhibit greater zeal, and it deservedly stands high on the records.

In addition to the presence of M.·.W.·. Bro. O'Meara, I was favored with the presence of R.·.W.·. Bro. J. L. Campbell, D.D.G.M., who arranged, at considerable sacrifice, to meet me. A bounteous banquet followed. I was greatly pleased with my visit.

I have enjoyed the visitations so far, and greatly appreciate your kindness in calling upon me to assist.

With every assurance, Most Worshipful Grand Master, of my loyalty to the Craft and of my esteem for yourself, I am,

Yours fraternally,

H. J. EBERTS,
Deputy Grand Master.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Archibald W. Hooper (2), seconded by W.·. Bro. Newton Edmeston (24), the report of the Deputy Grand Master was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District No. One, I respectfully report as follows :

That during the past year I officially visited all the Lodges in this District, with the exception of King Solomon Lodge, No. 8, Morris, and Stonewall Lodge, No. 12, Stonewall. I twice postponed intended visits to the former to suit convenience of some Winnipeg brethren, who kindly promised to accompany me, and I failed to arrange a satisfactory date with the Stonewall Lodge, until business called me away from Manitoba. Both these Lodges, I understand from prominent brethren, and from their own reports, to be in good condition.

Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, Selkirk : My first official visit was paid to this Lodge at the regular meeting, December 5th, when I was accompanied by the W. M. or I. P. M. of each of the City Lodges, as well as several other brethren. Lisgar Lodge officers conferred the M. M. degree at this meeting in such an able manner as to merit not only the approbation of the visitors, but to elicit from the candidate remarks showing he had been deeply impressed with its solemnity. After the Lodge meeting, the Selkirk brethren entertained their visitors at a banquet, which brought this very pleasant visit to a close.

East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna : I visited this Lodge on the 21st December. I did not see any work, but from the enthusiastic brethren I met there, I am sure the Lodge is fully alive.

Emerson Lodge, No. 6, Emerson. I visited this Lodge on 22nd December, and was very hospitably entertained by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton and the other brethren. At the Lodge I had the pleasure of seeing the W. M. and brethren confer the F.C. and M.M. degrees. It would be hard to decide whether Lisgar or Emerson Lodges do the best work, or to find a Lodge in the jurisdiction that could do better.

The City of Winnipeg Lodges I visited on the following dates:
St. John's, No. 4, on 1st February.
Ionic, No. 25, on 3rd February.
Ancient Landmark, No. 3, on 13th February.
Northern Light, No. 10, on 16th February.
Prince Rupert's, No. 1, on 21st February.

The attendance at the City Lodges, you will notice from the statistical report, is not what it ought to be. I think one reason for this is the very large number of members in some of the Lodges, which puts the Master's chair out of the reach of most of the members, and provides such a surplus of anxious workers that after a brother passes the chair, he is so little wanted he loses interest in the Lodge and drifts away into other bodies, etc.

The work of the City Lodges is neither done as well as it ought to be nor as one can remember seeing it a few years ago. I think the use of two rituals is largely to blame for this, as it prevents the permanent establishment of a Lodge of Instruction.

From enquiries I have made I am not sure that the Lodges using either work are prepared to adopt the other, but believe that a movement to authorize some one embracing the best points of both would be very popular.

I am glad to be able to report favorably on the financial condition of all the Lodges, which, if not in every case as good as could be wished, is in every case improving.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. HAZLEY,
D.D.G.M. District Number One.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Two, I respectfully report as follows:

I have much pleasure in reporting on the State of Masonry in this District during the past year. Harmony prevails throughout the District. There have been no complaints laid before me during the year. I have been enabled to visit twice, officially, every Lodge in the District,

and all of them on their regular meeting nights. I considered this more satisfactory to the Lodges than calling special meetings to meet me on my official visits. I was well received by the brethren in the different Lodges, and had very enjoyable and profitable meetings during all the visits I made.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, Portage la Prairie: I visited this Lodge on December 21st, 1898, their regular meeting. I found about forty brethren present, W.·. Bro. C. Woodside, the Worshipful Master, in the East, with Bros. McCormick and Cowie in the Wardens' chairs. There being no degrees to confer, I paid close attention to the opening and closing work, and the work was very well done. Election of officers was held. Bro. R. Cowie was elected as W.M. The Secretary was kept busy giving receipts for dues. I examined the books and found them well kept. Owing to repairs to the Lodge room this Lodge failed to hold all its regular meetings. It is in good financial standing, with over $580.00 at its credit. The furniture is insured. Arrears of dues small. After the Lodge closed, attended a grand banquet at the Leland Hotel, where the brethren enjoyed themselves. I was very much pleased to meet R.·. W.·. Bros. R. McCuaig, W. J. Cooper, George Davidson, and B. M. Caniff, P.D.D.G.M's, and R.·.W.·. Bro. F. L. Newman, P.G.S.W., at the meeting. I visited this Lodge again at its regular meeting on March 15th and found a good turnout of the brethren. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred by R.·. W.·. Bro. Cooper. The work was well done. The officers seem well skilled in their work. The Master and Wardens are well posted. Bro. L. Remey is a very efficient Secretary. The Lodge room is roomy and well furnished.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, Gladstone: I visited officially on the evening of the 21st November. Very stormy day, There was a very fair turn-out of the members to meet me. The W.M., R.·. W.·. Bro. T. L. Morton, in the East. The Senior Warden was absent in Ontario. There was no degree work. The opening and closing work was well done. Bro. T. L. Morton is a well-skilled Master, and does his work well. The Lodge room is not very suitable for Masonic work, and the brethren are on the lookout for a better building. The furniture is insured. There is a balance on hand of over $60.00. Arrears of dues are small.

I paid a second visit, officially, on the 24th April, the regular meeting night. There was a good attendance of members. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on H. R. Keys; the work was well done by the W. M. and his Wardens and other officers. I examined the

books of the Lodge and found the same neatly and well kept by W.·. Bro. John Ferguson, the Secretary. There is a good prospect of a lot of work for the Lodge in the near future.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, Neepawa : I visited this Lodge on the 23rd November, and found twenty-four Masons present. A candidate for initiation was balloted for and elected, and one for affiliation was elected. The candidate was not in waiting. There were no degrees to confer. The opening and closing was skillfully done by Bro. John Wemyss, the W.M., and his Wardens. I examined the books and found them fairly well kept by Bro. J. H. Howden, the Secretary. I attended an "At Home" given by Neepawa Lodge, on the 27th December, at which a large number of the Masons and friends were present. We spent a very sociable and enjoyable evening.

I paid a second visit to Neepawa Lodge on March 22nd, and found a large gathering of Masons present. The Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees were conferred by W. M. Bro. N. Edmeston and his Wardens, Bro. P. Hazelton and Bro. James McIntosh. The work was well done. The examination of the candidates was excellent. The obligation was repeated by each correctly in his examination. The Lodge is doing good work, and the prospects are good. I examined the books again and found them better kept than on my former visit, with Bro. J. T. Yeats as Secretary. I am not pleased with the large amount of arrears on the books, but the officers hope to clear them all off this summer, and I hope they will. They have a very good Lodge room, and well furnished. I met R.·. W.·. Bros. J. A. Davidson and J. J. McFadden, P.D.D.G.M's, and V.·. W.·. Bro. J. Wemyss, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and I was very much pleased to meet them.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, McGregor : This Lodge was visited on the first day of February. I drove over from Gladstone in a very severe frost, found fifteen Masons present. W.M. W. T. Speed in the East. This Lodge is getting lots of work this year, and they are doing good work. The W.M. W.·. Bro. W. T. Speed conferred the E.A. degree in a very skillful manner, and R.·. W.·. Bro. D. McLean conferred the Master Mason's degree in a highly creditable manner, showing deep knowledge in our Ancient Craft. Three candidates were balloted for, two elected and one rejected. I found the books well kept, and returns promptly remitted to the Grand Secretary. After closing, refreshments were supplied and a pleasant time spent. This Lodge held a ball on 27th December, which was quite a success.

I paid my second visit on the 29th day of March, and had a large meeting, and saw the three degrees conferred; the E. A. and F. C. by the W M. and the M.M. by R.·.W.·. Bro. D. McLean. The work was well done. Bros. W. T. Speed and D. McLean are a credit to the Lodge. The other officers do their work well. It was a pleasure to be present. The Lodge room is very comfortable, when you get there, but their winding stairs is not very easy of ascent. Their furniture and jewels are insured. I examined the books and found them well and neatly kept. Bro. F. M. Berry is a very careful Secretary. I was well treated by the brethren of Temple Lodge on both my visits. I was pleased to meet R.·. W.·. Bro. D. McLean, P.D.D.G.M., who takes an active interest in Masonry.

On the 10th day of December I received word from the R.·.W.·. Bro. the Grand Secretary of the issuing of the Dispensation for opening of Vermillion Lodge, in the town of Dauphin. I notified Bro. T. A. Burrows that I would be in Dauphin on the 23rd December to institute the Lodge, if that date would suit him, and he could get the brethren together. I got there on time, and found seventeen brethren waiting for me, and with the assistance of R.·. W.·. Bro. R. C. Brown we instituted and opened Vermillion Lodge, with Bro. T. A. Burrows as W.M., Bro. James G. Harvey as Senior Warden and Bro. Thomas Young as Junior Warden. Bro. Young was not able to reach the town in time for the meeting. After closing, we all adjourned to the banqueting hall, where we spent a very profitable time. This Lodge has very bright prospects before it. They have secured the use of the Oddfellows' Hall for their meetings, and have supplied themselves with good furniture and jewels.

I paid an official visit on April 4th, on their regular meeting night, and found them doing good work. The W.M. was absent attending the Legislature in Winnipeg. The Junior Warden was north in the Swan River district and could not reach town in time. The East was taken by R.·.W.·. Bro. R. C. Brown, Bro. J. G. Harvey, Senior Warden, Bro. W. Barnard as Junior Warden. The first degree was conferred on two candidates. The work was well done. A brother was admitted by affiliation. Applications for membership were received from four candidates. There were a number of visiting brethren present, which helped to make a good meeting. After the close of the Lodge we were invited to the Grand View Hotel, where a splendid repast was partaken of by the assembled Masons. I found the books very carefully kept by Secretary Widmeyer, and the work well and skillfully done, and would recommend that a charter be granted to Vermillion Lodge.

During the year death has removed from amongst us two of the brethren of this District. Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, mourns the loss of one of her best, brightest and most skillful sons, R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers, whose sudden death by drowning we all mourn. Temple Lodge, No. 49, mourns the loss of one of her young and bright sons, Bro. Hugh Hall, who was cut down in his prime. "In the midst of life we are in death."

In conclusion I beg to thank all my Masonic brethren throughout the District for the cordial reception with which I have been received by all the Lodges, and tender my thanks to R.·. W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for his kindness to me in answering all questions which I submitted to him.

Fraternally submitted,

GREGOR ST. CLAIR McGREGOR,
D.D.G.M. District Number Two.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Four, I respectfully report as follows :

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in the District.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, Deloraine, on March 22nd, 1899. The attendance was not very large. This Lodge is in charge of competent officers, as evidenced by the creditable manner in which the E.A. degree was conferred. The lodge is just recovering from its fire loss. It is suffering the irreparable loss of having its By-Laws, with original signatures of members and its historical register burnt. The other books are kept in good form.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden, on March 23rd, 1899. Considering the large membership, the attendance was disappointing. The officers are zealous, and conferred the second degree very well. This lodge has given proof of Masonic earnestness in the erection of an hospital and nurses' home, which exemplify in a marked degree the benefits of that cardinal Masonic virtue—charity.

Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain : I visited this Lodge on March 24th, on the occasion of the visit of R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master,

and also officially on April 12th, 1899. This is the banner Lodge of the District, financially and masonically. The attendance is usually good and the work well done. The details of this Lodge are well looked after by R.·.W.·. Bro. J. D. Baine, Secretary. The books are well kept.

Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Killarney, on April 11th, 1899. The attendance was very fair considering the circumstances. Not much progress has been made numerically, but the Lodge is in good hands, and prospects are good. The books are well kept.

Manitou Lodge No. 30, Manitou, on April 14th, 1899. Owing to the season the attendance was not large. The Lodge is also suffering from the loss by removal of several of its members. Its affairs, however, are in the hands of very enthusiastic Masons, who, I am sure, will soon bring it up to its usual good standing. Books properly kept.

Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita, on April 21st, 1899. Owing to so many of its members living at a distance, the usual attendance at this Lodge is not large. It is, however, making steady progress. The degrees are well conferred and the books properly kept.

On April 13th, 1899, I had the pleasure of instituting a Lodge, U.D., at Crystal City, under most favorable auspices, with ten charter members and prospects of large additions. The officers are unusually enthusiastic and competent. I look for this Lodge giving a good account of itself.

I have found Masonry in this district generally in very good condition. The officers in every case appear to be enthusiastic, and evince much interest in Masonic matters. In all the Lodges I found a strong desire for information in regard to the history, teachings and symbolisms of Masonry. The same obstacles in obtaining this information everywhere presented themselves, viz :—what works to get, where to get them, and the expense to individual members. I strongly recommended the establishment of a library in the District, to which every Lodge could contribute. When a supply of books was procured they could be fairly distributed among the Lodges. In this way the members of the different Lodges could make personal selections of books suitable to their desires, and thus obtain for themselves very considerable information. After a few months the Lodges could have a general exchange of books, giving the members a fresh set to choose from. New books could be added from time to time as finances would permit. In this way a large amount of Masonic information would be placed within reach of the members at a minimum of expense, and, I am sure,

would be productive of most beneficial effects to the Craft. In most Lodges visited I followed the good example of my predecessor, R.·.W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton, in giving a Masonic demonstration of certain geometrical figures and symbols, thus endeavoring to give the members a peep into the hidden mysteries of Masonry. I find Masonry suffering from two causes in this District. First, the transient nature of the population, many no sooner getting the degrees than they remove to other parts of the country. Second, the lack of interest manifested, in many cases by the older members. The former cannot be avoided; the latter should be.

I found the Lodges mostly in the hands of comparatively new men, the older ones mostly constituting the absentees. It would seem that so soon as a member passes through all the offices of honor he considered his connection with Lodge matters ended, and deserts Masonry just when he is fitted to render it his best services. This is not as it should be. It is rather an ungrateful return to his Lodge and Masonry for the honors and distinctions conferred upon him.

While I found the ordinary books of the different Lodges invariably well kept, I found the historical register invariably neglected. I fear it is now too late to remedy so regrettable a defect, as in nearly every instance I was unable to find anyone sufficiently acquainted with the early circumstances of the Lodge to write its history.

I have to tender especial thanks to the various Lodges for their uniform kindness to me. Their cordiality rendered my official visits among the pleasantest duties of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. CAMPBELL,
D.D.G.M. District Number Four.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Through pressure of private affairs, I regret to report I could pay but one out of the four Lodges in my District an official visit.

On March 22nd I visited Russell Lodge, No. 62. As this is the Lodge of which I am a member, I attended meetings as often as possible. This Lodge has only just admitted a number of first-class petitioners, and if carefully handled the Lodge should become one of the

foremost in this Grand Jurisdiction. Applications having fallen off, I strongly advised them to have lectures on the history and symbols of Masonry, as this, I think, would tend to keep up the enthusiasm of each member. In Bro. E. A. Struthers this Lodge has secured the services of a careful and painstaking Secretary.

I strongly recommended each Lodge in this District to have a small library, accessible to every member of the Lodge, and which I think will be carried out as soon as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

F. G. RICHARDSON,
D.D.G.M. District Number Five.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Seven, I respectfully report as follows :

First I desire to thank the brethren of the District for the honor conferred upon me at the last Annual Communication in electing me to the responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master, and to express to the brethren throughout the District my grateful appreciation of the uniform kindly treatment and complimentary receptions accorded me during my official visits.

I visited each Lodge in the District once, some twice, and will visit others before the expiration of my term of office. On all occasions I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to fill the responsible position of representative of the Grand Master. Knowing that accuracy and uniformity in the work of our beautiful ritual is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be in that direction, and on all my visits endeavored to give instruction as far as my knowledge would permit. I corrected whenever I found it necessary and complimented only when it was deserved.

The harmony that exists among the brethren throughout the District is very gratifying. While some of the Lodges exchange fraternal visits, the custom is not general, and I would recommend that Lodges avail themselves of every opportunity of visiting each other, and

thereby cultivate that Divine attribute, brotherly love, as well as improving themselves in the ritualistic work. The work as a whole is well done in the District, and is a credit to the officers of the Lodges.

As there were several complaints at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, regarding the delay in forwarding returns to the Grand Secretary's office within the time prescribed in our Constitution, I determined to try and have these forwarded in good time this year, and with this object in view I sent to the Secretary of each Lodge in the District a blank form to be filled at the time of the preparation of the report to the Grand Secretary, with a request that the same be returned to me. I was greatly pleased with the promptness with which each Secretary complied with my request. I would recommend District Deputy Grand Masters to adopt this plan, as by making their official visits earlier than has been the custom in the past they will be enabled to forward their reports to the Grand Secretary at the time designated in our Constitution.

I found the work entrusted to the Secretaries well done. The books seem to be kept in a neat and correct manner, with the exception of the Historical Register, which, in some cases, has been neglected, but I was assured that this important work would receive attention in the future.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

After giving the subject of a Lodge of Instruction considerable consideration I decided to hold a joint meeting of all the Lodges in the District for general instruction. My first intention was to hold two at different points in the District, but finally decided that one meeting would be better attended and the results prove more satisfactory. I communicated with Brandon Lodge, No. 19, and secured its consent to hold the meetings in its Lodge room and under its sanction, at any time I might desire. The notices were issued by that Lodge for 10.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m. and 8 o'clock p.m. on March 14th, 1899.

The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified by W.·. Bro. Joseph Birtles, W.M., of Composite Lodge, No. 64, Alexander, assisted by his officers. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified by V.·. W.·. Bro. J. S. Brayfield, assisted by the officers of Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris. The Master Mason's degree was exemplified by W. Bro. S. J. Dickson and Alexander Burns, assisted by the officers of Brandon Lodge, No. 19.

At the commencement I informed the brethren that the object of the meeting was to secure uniformity of the work in the different

Lodges, and requested them at the completion of the exemplification of each degree to point out any difference which they observed between the work done, as compared with that in their respective Lodges. I also requested them to ask questions upon any portion of the work about which they required information, and that I would answer them to the best of my ability. Several questions were asked, and as a result much information obtained for the benefit of those present.

The work in the several degrees was done with such conspicuous ability that it would be invidious to mention names. A noticeable feature was the intense interest manifested by those present, from the beginning to the end. It was quite evident that the brethren highly appreciated the efforts made to exemplify the work for their benefit, and, no doubt, beneficial results will follow.

The P.M. degree was exemplified by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas in a clear and comprehensive manner. This degree is more neglected than any of the others, and I would recommend that more attention be paid to it in future.

Each Lodge in the District was represented by one or more of its members. After the labors of the day had been completed, the visiting brethren were entertained by their Brandon brethren at a banquet in their large refreshment room, after which they returned to the Lodge room where a very pleasant time was spent in song and speech-making.

Too much praise cannot be given the brethren of Brandon and M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas for the way they entered into every detail necessary to make the meeting one of the most enjoyable as well as the most profitable gathering ever held in this Masonic District.

I would recommend that my successors continue to hold these meetings at least once each year, as I am sure good results will follow. I will be pleased to render any assistance in my power to help in making them a success. I would also recommend that they be held earlier, say in the month of December or January. If held later there are attractions that interfere with their success, such as curling bonspiel, sittings of Courts, and various winter entertainments.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 3, Virden: I made my first official visit to this Lodge on Tuesday evening, November 22, 1898. The M.M. degree was exemplified by W.·. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, W.M., and his officers, in a very creditable manner. I examined the books and found them

kept in a proper manner by W. Bro. H. J. Pugh, who is a very capable officer. I also visited this Lodge on June 29th, 1898, but not officially.

Composite Lodge, No. 64, Alexander: I visited this Lodge officially on December 27th, 1898, and installed its officers. This being the Lodge of which I am a member, I have seen all the work done by its officers. There was only one candidate initiated during the year. However, the officers keep themselves thorough in the work. The books are well and properly kept.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19, Brandon: I visited this Lodge on December 27th, 1898, and installed its officers. I examined the books and found them kept in a proper manner. This is one of the most prosperous Lodges under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. I have had the pleasure of attending a number of its meetings during the year.

Hartney Lodge, No. 52, Hartney: I visited this Lodge on February 21st, 1899. Owing to the train service, I did not reach Hartney until 10 o'clock p.m. The E.A. degree was very satisfactorily exemplified by the W.M. and his officers. The lecture on the tracing board, by the Junior Warden, was very clearly and impressively delivered. I examined the books and found them properly kept.

Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44, Oak Lake: I visited this Lodge on Thursday, February 23rd, 1899. I found it in a better condition than I had expected. There have been new additions to its membership lately, and several of the old members who were absent have returned and decided to infuse new life into the Lodge. The M.M. degree was fairly well exemplified on the occasion of my visit. The officers informed me that a representative of the Grand Lodge has not visited them for several years. I would recommend that my successor look after the Lodge, as I have no doubt it will soon be a good live one. I will visit it again before the expiration of my term of office.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris: I visited this Lodge on Friday, February 24th, 1899, and had the pleasure of seeing the E.A. degree conferred by M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas and the officers of the Lodge, the W.M. being unavoidably absent. The work was well done, the lectures being given by the proper officers. I examined the books, which I found neatly and correctly kept by M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas, who takes great pride in this work.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29, Carberry: I visited this Lodge on March 21st, 1899, and had the pleasure of seeing the F.C. degree conferred on a candidate. The work in this Lodge is well done. I examined the

books and found them well and neatly kept. W.·. Bro. E. Cope, W.M., is a very active Mason, he having for some time past discharged the duties of Secretary, owing to the illness and subsequent death of late Bro. Rev. T. C. Coggs. The officers and members take a lively interest in Masonry.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

During the year the membership has increased nineteen. While this may not be as large as might be desired, I think it is a fair showing. I learn that arrangements are about completed for the institution of a new Lodge at Elkhorn, and the brethren will probably petition for a dispensation before the meeting of our Grand Lodge in June.

ARREARS OF DUES.

The total amount of dues in arrears in the District amounts to $556.12. The greater part of this, I am informed, has been collected since the reports were sent to me.

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

I am pleased to report that only five brethren have been suspended for non-payment of dues in this District.

DEATHS.

I find that three of our brethren have been called from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above, two members of Brandon Lodge, No. 19, and one of Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.

RELIEF.

There has been paid out for relief in this District $25.50. I trust that the Lodges have afforded relief in all cases where they were satisfied it was needed.

INSURANCE.

Five out of the seven Lodges have their property covered by insurance. Some of the Lodges own their halls, others rent and sub-let to fraternal societies, thus reducing their expenses very materially.

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE.

Nearly all the Lodges have held meetings regularly, and the average attendance has been very fair, taking everything into consideration.

I find Masonry in a very prosperous condition in this District, and predict a bright future for it in District Number 7.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the many acts of kindness and the truly Masonic spirit shown on the part of the brethren of the different Lodges in the District which I have visited.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. FENWICK,
D.D.G.M. District Number Seven.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Eight, respectfully reports as follows:

On being elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master I determined to visit every Lodge within the District, if I could possibly do so. I have succeeded fairly well in my endeavors, there being only one Lodge—Moose Jaw, No. 26—that I did not see at work; and having visited the district from east to west, I think I may say that, on the whole, Masonry is progressing fairly well. In some centres the Masonic spirit is more fully developed than in others, which may be accounted for, possibly, by the fact that some of the brethren take sufficient interest in the Institution to induce the purchase and perusal of Masonic literature. I have found that where the greatest interest is taken in reading and debating Masonic subjects, that that is where the greatest interest is taken in the work of the Lodge, and I would strongly advise the officers and brethren of this District to take much interest in this matter.

Wascana Lodge, No. 23, Regina: I visited this Lodge officially, at an emergent meeting, on the eve of the Queen's birthday, which fact, possibly, had the effect of diminishing the number who might otherwise have been in attendance. However, the number who regularly attend is not such as one might expect, and in a Lodge of the membership and standing of the Lodge at the seat of government in the Territories. It seems to me that many of the brethren here have become weary in well-doing, and are allowing the affairs of the Lodge to drift

in a most unsatisfactory manner. The work is not done so well as it might be, and I suggested to the brethren the advisability of devoting some time to instruction in and practice of the work, when they had nothing of greater importance to attend to. The minutes have not been kept as near to the form prescribed by Grand Lodge as I would like, and on my pointing this out to the acting Secretary, W.·. Bro. Chatwin, he readily saw the wisdom of following the form set forth in the Constitution. Otherwise the books are accurately and well kept. The financial condition of the Lodge is good, and I can see no valid reason why a most flourishing Lodge should not be in operation here.

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, Moose Jaw : I was not able to visit this Lodge, I am sorry to say, owing to the inconvenient train service. However, having to pass the greater part of one day in the town, at the beginning of April, I made myself known to the brethren, and talked matters over with them. I also examined the books, which I found to have been exceedingly well kept, both by the present Secretary, Bro. E. H. Moorehouse, as well as his predecessor, Bro. W. C. Sanders. From the conversations I had with the several brethren I gleaned that the work of the Lodge is well done, and that the officers and brethren generally invariably insisted upon candidates for the degrees being thoroughly well instructed before advancement. This is a good feature. The Lodge is in a splendid financial condition, there being some $300 to its credit in the bank, as well as a cash balance in hand of over $130, notwithstanding the large amount that has been paid out of late years for the benefit of the widow and orphan.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32, Qu'Appelle: This is my own Lodge, and of which I am Secretary ; it was, therefore, a mere formal act on my part to make an official visit, as I was fully cognizant of the affairs and working of the Lodge. However, a special meeting having been called for the purpose, I visited the Lodge officially on the evening of the 9th May, when a very large number of brethren were present. The reputation of the Lodge has been fully sustained during the past year under the guiding care of W.·. Bro. S. C. Elkington, W.M. I addressed the brethren on some of the principal tenets of Masonry. Before the Lodge was closed a very interesting incident occurred, which indicates, to some extent, the feeling entertained by the brethren towards the institution, to wit : the presentation to the Lodge, by Bro. J. A. McDonald, of a beautiful set of pedestals and Warden's columns. The pedestals were made to match a set of handsomely upholstered officers' chairs which had been presented earlier in the year by Bro. J. B. Sandford. The good Masonic feeling manifested here, I attribute

to the interest taken in Masonic literature and debate. M.·. W.·. Bro. C. N. Bell, P.G.M., visited the Lodge last October, and delivered a lecture on "Masonic Symbolism," which was very highly appreciated.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, Indian Head: I made two visits to this Lodge during the year, first on the 23rd September, and again, officially, on the evening of the regular meeting in May. On the occasion of my official visit there was a large number of brethren present, and the business was conducted in a most businesslike manner. The W.M., W. Bro. F. Mackay, conferred the third degree upon one candidate, and the manner in which the work was done, as well by the subordinate officers as by the W.M., reflected the greatest credit upon all concerned—it was near perfection. I cannot speak too highly of the skill and ability shown by the W.M., not only in conducting the ceremonies of the order, but also in his control and direction of the Lodge. The books and business matters of the Lodge are admirably managed by the most efficient Secretary, V.·.W.·. Bro. H. H. Campkin. The financial condition is excellent, and the outlook most promising. With W.·. Bro. Mackay ruling in the East, and V.·. W.·. Bro. Campkin in the Secretary's chair, the Lodge can hardly fail to prosper.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34, Qu'Appelle Station: I visited this Lodge on the 26th July, accompanied by W.·. Bro. Elkington. The attendance of members was small, but there being several visitors present the work did not suffer on account of lack of numbers. The W.M., W.·. Bro. J. P. Jones, conferred the Entered Apprentice degree upon two candidates.

I visited again, officially, on the evening of the regular meeting in April, when, owing to other attractions in town, the attendance was very small. The W.M. raised two candidates to the S. D. of Master Mason. W.·. Bro. Jones is most zealous for the welfare and progress of the Lodge, and has the work well in hand, and if the brethren of the Lodge would render him that assistance and support which he is entitled to expect of them, he would be able to confer the degrees very impressively, but as it is, the attendance of officers and members generally is so erratic that it is impossible for the work to be done with a proper degree of dignity and decorum, with the result that the candidates do not receive a correct impression of the seriousness and sublimity of our ceremonies.

The books and accounts of the Lodge are now kept in a most creditable manner by the worthy Secretary, Bro. F. Bell. The "Tangle" referred to by my worthy predecessor has been straightened out most

satisfactorily. In other respects, I am sorry to say that I cannot report much progress. Very few of the brethren seem to have grasped the true idea and spirit of Masonry.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, Moosomin: I visited this Lodge at an emergent meeting, on the evening of the 16th of May, and was greeted by a very large number of brethren. This Lodge is located in very comfortable quarters, and furnished with everything necessary to make the business run smoothly and satisfactorily. On the occasion of my visit there was no work done, owing to the absence of the candidate for advancement. However, I gathered from conversation with the brethren, and the manner in which the opening and closing ceremonies were conducted by the W.M., W.·. Bro. Johnston and officers, that the work of conferring the degrees would be equally well done. In fact I was given to understand that three of the Past Masters make a specialty of the three degrees, and are always ready, when called upon, to fill any emergency that may arise. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and a good Masonic spirit is manifested. The finances of the Lodge are most satisfactory, and the books neatly and correctly kept by the Secretary, Bro. J. Smithers.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, Whitewood: I made an official visit to this Lodge at an emergent meeting held on the evening of the 17th May. This Lodge met with a very serious mishap at the beginning of this year, in the loss of their hall by fire. They now have to meet in an upper room that is not at all suited to the purpose; but some changes were in contemplation which will improve matters to some extent when completed. They will have to work under great disadvantages until they can get into their new hall. I did not see any work done beyond the opening and closing ceremonies, and cannot speak with any degree of certainty as to the excellence or otherwise of the manner in which it is performed. The books are in good hands. The minutes were not kept entirely in the manner prescribed, which, on being pointed out, the Secretary, Bro. R. Goldschmidt, promised to follow the form set forth by Grand Lodge, otherwise the books are well and accurately kept. Some of the brethren here seem to think that some better method of appointing committees of investigation, and their method of reporting on candidates for admission should be adopted, so as to ensure greater secrecy.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, Grenfell: At an emergent meeting, on the 18th of May, I visited this Lodge officially. Notwithstanding that my visit occurred in the midst of seeding there was a fair attendance of brethren present. The meeting took place in the elegant

Masonic Temple, but the room seems rather large for present requirements. There being no work on hand, I asked the W.M., W.·. Bro. Fitzgerald, to exemplify the third degree, which he did in a most satisfactory manner, being ably assisted by his Wardens and subordinate officers. Bro. Dr. Argue keeps the books and financial affairs of the Lodge in good shape. The Lodge seems to be composed of the right kind of material, and I learned that great precaution was taken to guard agaiast the admission of unworthy men, for which the brethren deserve the highest credit. The Lodge is prosperous and prospects good.

Northwest Mounted Police Lodge, No. 61, Regina: This Lodge was assembled on the evening of the 23rd of May for the purpose of receiving my official visit. I met with a very kindly reception from the few brethren who are still left in residence at the barracks. The Lodge room is one of the prettiest in the District. There being no degree work, and my time being limited, I contented myself with seeing the opening and closing ceremonies, and the manner in which this work was done, not only by the W.M., W.·. Bro. Ayre, but by the other officers also, was highly satisfactory to me, and would lead me to suppose that the degrees were conferred equally well. The books are well kept by Bro. Church, the Secretary. The Lodge is in an excellent financial condition, and would be in a very satisfactory position had not so many of its members been drafted to the Yukon. As it is, there are only about nine or ten members left in residence at Regina.

For further particulars as to standing and progress of the several Lodges I would refer the Grand Lodge to the statistical statement at end of this report.

Before closing my report I desire to thank the brethren for the honor conferred, and also for the many acts of kindness received at their hands.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. PROCTOR,
D.D.G.M. District Number Eight

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Nine, I respectfully report as follows:

Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary: I visited this Lodge in November, and had the pleasure of seeing the M.M. degree conferred by the Worshipful Master, W.·. Bro. John de Sousa, in a most creditable manner. This Lodge is making rapid progress, and is in a splendid condition financially. The books are well kept. Much credit is due W.·. Bro. de Sousa for bringing this Lodge into such good condition.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Banff: I had the pleasure of making an official visit to this Lodge on May 13th, when the F.C. degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master, W.·. Bro. H. J. Richardson, in a manner which would be a credit to any City Lodge. The books are kept in a most creditable manner, and the Lodge is in good condition financially. This is one of the best Lodges in the District.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton: Owing to a delay in notice sent this Lodge, I did not visit it, but understand from conversation with the Worshipful Master, W.·. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, that it is working in harmony and making good progress.

Innisfail Lodge, No. 58, Innisfail: On Sept. 15th, 1898, I visited this Lodge and found it progressing very satisfactorily. The M. M. and F. C. degrees were conferred in a thorough manner by the Worshipful Master, W.·. Bro. John A. Wilson. The lectures were given by W.·. Bro. R. Wynn in a manner which reflected great credit on himself and the Lodge. The Worshipful Master lives fifty miles from Innisfail, and up to the time of my visit had not missed a meeting. Innisfail Lodge has very enthusiastic officers and members and has a bright future.

Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary: Being the Lodge of which I am a member I have visited it frequently. On April 25th, 1899, I paid an official visit, and had the pleasure of seeing the E.A. degree conferred in a very thorough manner by the Worshipful Master, W.·. Bro. E. C. Powell. This Lodge is in a most prosperous condition. The books are well kept and the finances in a healthy condition.

Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Lacombe: This Lodge is moving along slowly but surely. I visited it on Sept. 16th. No degree work was

done. The opening and closing work was well done. The books are well kept. I hope to see more degree work done in the Lodge in the near future.

Acacia Lodgo, No. 66, South Edmonton: This is the youngest Lodge in my District, and is making good progress. I visited it officially on Sept. 13th, when the F.C. degree was conferred by W.·. Bro. A. C. Rutherford, Worshipful Master. The work was well done. All the officers from the W.M. down are well-skilled in their work. I expect to see this one of the best Lodges in this District.

Masonry in this District is in a very healthy condition. The Worshipful Masters, without a single exception, are very enthusiastic and well-skilled, and are supported by good officers. The financial standing in all cases is good. The Secretary's work in each Lodge is well done, and it is a pleasure to inspect the books.

I consider District No. 9 the banner District in the Grand Lodge, for the excellence of its work and the harmony which prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

I. S. G. VAN WART,
D.D.G.M. District Number Nine.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master of District Number Ten, I respectfully report as follows:

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held in the City of Winnipeg in June, 1898, my brethren did me the high honor of electing me to the proud position of District Deputy Grand Master for the District.

During the year I have visited every Lodge in this District.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, Medicine Hat: I visited this Lodge on May 24th, 1899, having called an emergent meeting for that purpose. There was a good attendance, and I saw the Worshipful Master and officers confer the first degree in a most satisfactory manner. I found by the Secretary's books that the minutes were well and properly

kept, and the financial condition is very good. After the business of the Lodge was over I was entertained by the brethren at a magnificent banquet, and found all the brethren very enthusiastic in Masonry.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37, Macleod: I visited this Lodge on 21st December, 1898, and also on 22nd March, 1899. These were regular meetings, and the attendance on both occasions was good. I saw the Worshipful Master and officers for 1898, as also the Worshipful Master and officers for 1899, exemplify the Entered Apprentice degree, both in a satisfactory manner. I found the Secretary's books well kept, but I regret to say that the number of members in arrears is too large, and I drew the attention of the Secretary to the fact. I would respectfully draw your attention to the large amount paid out by Alberta Lodge for relief. This Lodge is steadily increasing and doing good work.

North Star Lodge, No. 41, Lethbridge: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on May 26th, 1899. Owing to the state of the weather there was not a very large attendance. The Worshipful Master and officers exemplified the work in the first degree. The work, although well done, might be improved. The books are well kept, and I am pleased to be able to report that this is the only Lodge in my District that has no members in arrears.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek: I paid my official visit on May 19th, 1899. This being my mother Lodge, I take great pride in it, as I consider it a model Lodge, and all the officers thoroughly posted in their duties. Being situated in the midst of the ranching country, some brethren travel thirty miles to attend the meetings. I can proudly say it maintains the good name given it by Past Grand Masters, Bros. W.·. G.·. Bell and T. Tweed. The books are well kept, and, as will be seen by the statistical report, the Lodge has a large balance to its credit, and its membership is steadily increasing.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, Maple Creek: I called an emergent meeting for the purpose of paying my official visit to this Lodge on May 23rd, 1899, but owing to heavy rains and so many members living out of town, there was no meeting held. I found the books of the Lodge kept in a proper manner. I also found the Worshipful Master and the Secretary enthusiastic Masons, and very much regret that the inclemency of the weather prevented my meeting the brethren. The finances are in good condition. The members of the Lodge, greatly to their credit, have individually subscribed sixty-five dollars to the fund for indigent Masons.

During my term of office I have not been called upon to issue any dispensations, nor have I been officially called upon to give any ruling in Masonic affairs, which shows the harmony that prevails in this Jurisdiction. I would recommend that each District should own a D.D.G.M. regalia, and that the Lodges in each District should subscribe an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of a D.D.G.M. on his official visits.

During my term of office it has been my constant effort to merit the confidence placed in me. If I have fallen short in the performance of my duty, it was not through lack of zeal in the cause, rather it was my fortune to succeed a number of exceptionally able brethren, whose good work will long be felt in this District.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the brethren of the District for the unvarying kindness and hospitality with which I have been received, and assure them that I look back upon my official visits during the year with unalloyed pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

G. C. IVES,
D.D.G.M. District Number Ten.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. William T. Finlay (31), seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Secretary presented the report of the Grand Treasurer, as follows :

JOHN MCKECHNIE, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

DR.

1898.				
Jan. 1	To balance on hand as per report.....			$647 76
Feb. 24	" Interest	$ 5 49		
June 30	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	400 00		
July 20	" " " "	265 00		
Aug. 20	" " " "	280 00		
Sept. 19	" " " "	295 66		
Dec. 12	" " " "	117 09		
Dec. 31	" " " "	176 70		
1899.				
Jan. 16	" " " "	350 00		
Jan. 23	" " " "	300 00		
Feb. 28	" " " "	300 00		
Mar. 27	" " " "	397 78		
				2887 72
				$3535 48

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		Order No.		
1898.				
Mar. 30	By Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	793	50 00	
April 5	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	794	175 00	
" 27	" Thomas W. Taylor	795	5 00	
"	" J. H. Torrey	796	7 50	
"	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	797	9 39	
"	" The Consolidated Stationery Co	798	11 65	
"	" E. W. Rugg & Co.	799	23 75	
"	" Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	800	38 47	
"	" Leslie Bros.....	801	47 00	
June 25	" John McBride, Grand Tyler	802	10 00	
"	" John Bailey	803	5 00	
"	" Thomas Robinson	804	125 00	

June	25	By	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	805	50 00
July	4	"	W. H. McLean	806	4 80
"		"	The Rublee Fruit Co	807	9 00
"		"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	808	175 00
Aug.	9	"	S. W. Smith	809	2 00
"		"	The Consolidated Stationery Co	810	2 73
"		"	The Commercial Union Assurance Co	811	4 50
"		"	McIntyre Bros	812	6 70
"		"	The Copp Clark Co	813	9 50
"		"	Rev. R. C. Johnstone	814	10 00
"		"	Richard Alston	815	10 00
"		"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	816	15 16
"		"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	817	44 64
"		"	Andrew & Co.	818	50 00
"		"	E. W. Rugg & Co	819	105 80
"		"	E. W. Rugg & Co	820	225 00
Sept.	17	"	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	821	50 00
"	22	"	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	822	100 00
Oct.	4	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	823	175 00
"	4	"	The Freemasons' Hospital, Morden	824	75 00
"	7	"	Bell & Armytage	825	6 50
"	7	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	826	6 68
"	8	"	The Guarantee Co. of North America	827	11 25
"	8	"	The General Masonic Relief Association, U.S. and Canada	828	13 35
"	8	"	E. W. Rugg Co	829	35 80
"	8	"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	830	40 60
Dec.	23	"	Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg	831	50 00
"	31	"	Bell & Armytage	832	17 30
"		"	J. G. Soper	833	5 75
"		"	W. A. Davis	834	3 05
"		"	The Consolidated Stationery Co	835	17 01
"		"	Thomas W. Taylor	836	51 05
"		"	E. W. Rugg Co	837	60 80
"		"	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary	838	16 20
"		"	" "	839	175 00
"		"	" "	840	43 74
"		"	" Librarian	841	91 01
"		"	Balance cash on hand		1257 80
					$3535 48

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

1898.		Dr.		
Jan. 1	To Balance cash on hand		$363 90	
May 31	" Interest		5 45	
Nov. 30	" "		5 53	
				374 88
		Cr.		
Dec. 31	By Balance cash on hand			$374 88

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

1898.		Dr.		
Jan. 1	To Balance cash on hand		$48 29	
May 31	" Interest		75	
Nov. 30	" "		59	
				49 63
		Cr.		
1898.		Order No.		
June 20	By M.S.	6	$10 00	
Dec. 31	" Balance cash on hand		39 63	
				49 63

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1898.		Dr.		
Jan. 1	To Balance cash on hand			$315 48
May 31	" Interest		$ 3 12	
Sept. 24	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian		10 00	
" 30	" " "		10 00	
Nov. 30	" Interest		62	
				23 74
				$339 22
		Cr.		
1898.		Order No.		
April 27	By Consolidated Stationery Co.	A 17	$ 7 30	
"	" Russell & Co.	" 18	12 93	
"	" Wm. G. Scott, Librarian	" 19	5 00	
"	" " "	" 20	12 93	
"	" " "	" 21	24 75	
"	" " "	" 22	49 69	

June 25	"	Thomas W. Taylor.....	A 23	100 00	
Aug. 9	"	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian.....	" 24	4 60	
"	"	Winnipeg Stationery and Book Co..	" 25	8 55	
"	"	The Consolidated Stationery Co	" 26	9 00	
"	"	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian.....	" 27	18 00	
"	"	" "	" 28	18 00	
"	"	" "	" 29	20 37	
"	"	" "	" 30	14 00	
Sept. 22	"	Alex. Taylor.....	" 31	4 70	
"	"	W. H. Burke.....	" 32	25 00	
Dec. 31	"	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian.	" 33	4 40	
					$339 22

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McKECHNIE,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the Report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report, as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

The undersigned, your Grand Secretary, fraternally submits his Sixteenth Annual Report :

PROCEEDINGS OF 1898.

As usual, the first duty after the close of the Annual Communication was the preparation of the manuscript copy of the Proceedings. There was some delay in awarding the contract for the printing, but the work was completed in about the usual time, and the distribution made as in previous years. I recommended the awarding of the contract to Messrs. McIntyre Bros., who have for a number of years performed the work in a very satisfactory manner, and whose tender was as low as any other, but the Board of General Purposes ruled otherwise, and as a result the uniformity of the current volume will be marred by the various styles of type used in its make-up.

CHARTER TO WAWANESA LODGE.

In compliance with the order of Grand Lodge a charter was issued to Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67, and it was duly constituted and its officers installed by R.·. W.·. Bro. Frank A. Brown, D.D.G.M., on August 1st, 1898.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges have been issued :

Klondyke Lodge, at Dawson City, District of Yukon. Dispensation issued October 15th, 1898 ; 21 charter members—W.·. Bro. Wm. Edward Thompson, W. Master ; W. Bro. Archibald James Bannerman, Senior Warden ; Bro. Henry Claude Lisle, Junior Warden.

A letter of dispensation, dated October 15th, 1898, was issued, authorizing W.·. Bro. William Edward Thompson to institute the Lodge, but up to this date no report has been received,

Vermillion Lodge, at Dauphin, District No. 3. Dispensation issued December 1st, 1898. 10 charter members. Brother Theodore Arthur Burrows, W. Master; Bro. James Graham Harvey, Senior Warden; Bro. Thomas Young, Junior Warden. Instituted December 23rd, 1898, by R.·. W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor, D.D.G.M.

Yorkton Lodge, at Yorkton, Assiniboia, District No. 8. Dispensation issued February 4th, 1899. 8 charter members. W.·. Bro. Ezra Anson Healy, W. Master; Bro. George Gilbert Charles Whalley, Senior Warden; Bro. Thomas Kirkland, Junior Warden. Instituted February 15th, 1899, by V.·.W.·. Bro. Alfred Ashdown.

Shiloh Lodge, at Roland, Manitoba, District No. 3. Dispensation issued March 1st, 1899. 10 charter members. Bro. Frank Manning, W. Master; Bro. Henry Webster, Senior Warden; Bro. Albert Waite Gonder, Junior Warden. Instituted March 8th, 1899, by M.·. W.·. Bro. William George Bell.

Crystal Lodge, at Crystal City, Manitoba, District No. 4. Dispensation issued March 28th, 1899. 11 charter members. W.·. Bro. Wm. Cranston, W. Master; Bro. William Watson, Senior Warden; Bro. William Percival Sparling, Junior Warden. Instituted April 13th, 1899, by R.·. W.·. Bro. John Lorne Campbell, D.D.G.M.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication, Commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:

December 26th, 1898—V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas William Taylor, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh McCowan.

December 29th, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, of Alexander, Man., from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. John Alexander Kerr.

December 29th, 1898—R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton, of Deloraine, Man., from the Grand Lodge of Maine, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Samuel Reid Marlatt.

December 29th, 1898—R.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander Lunham Young, of Souris, Man., from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, vice V.·. W.·. Bro. Alexander Grant McKenzie.

December 30th, 1898—V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Hill Myers of Minnedosa, from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. William Francis Ellis.

December 30th, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. William Arthur Lang of Brandon, from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, vice W.·. Bro. William Henry Seach.

January 5th, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. David Henry McFadden of Emerson, from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vice V.·.W.·. Bro. Alexander Nichol.

January 5th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. Roderick McCuaig of Portage la Prairie, from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. Mathew McClintock Duffie.

January 5th, 1899—V.·.W.·. Bro. Lynds Smith Vaughan of Selkirk, from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, vice W.·. Bro. John Henry Munson.

March 27th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. William Baker of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, vice M.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. Black.

April 3rd, 1899—V.·.W.·. Bro. Henry James Pugh of Virden, from the Grand Lodge of Texas, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. Titus Wilson Robinson.

April 6th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. John McGuirl of Moosomin, from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, vice M.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. Frederick Newcomb.

May 1st, 1899—V.·.W.·. Bro. Harry H. Campkin of Indian Head, from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

May 22nd, 1899—V.·.W.·. Bro. William Braden of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, vice M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson.

August 5th, 1897—M.·.W.·. Bro. William George Bell of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, vice M.·.W.·. Bro. John Headley Bell, deceased. (Commission received May 25th, 1899.)

Near Other Grand Lodges.

By direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master Commissions were issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, as follows:

October 25th, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. Rt. Rev. John B. Crozier, D.D., of Kilkenny, near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, vice V.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. W. Shannon, deceased.

December 10th, 1898—R.·.W.·. Bro. James Luke, of New Cumber-

land, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, vice R.·. W.·. Bro. Nathaniel Turner.

January 7th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. George William Graham Bonner of Halifax, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, vice R.·.W.·. Bro. John F. McDonald.

January 20th, 1899—M.·. W.·. Bro. William R. Stubblefield, of Salem, near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

January 24th, 1899—M.·.W.·. Bro. William H. Hobson, of Salem, near the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

February 4th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. Lester S. Hill of Providence, near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

February 8th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. Frank Gilmer, of Charlottesville, near the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

March 15th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. Thos. Nisbet of Grand Forks, near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

April 11th, 1899—R.·.W.·. Bro. Milton H. Price, of De Soto, near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master :

Date.	No.	Name.	For What Granted.
1898.			
June 15	2	Lisgar	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 15	24	Neepawa	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 15	32	Qu'Appelle Valley	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 15	36	Doric	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 15	40	Deloraine	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 15	53	Edmonton	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 15	64	Composite	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	6	Emerson	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	1	Prince Rupert's	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	39	Birtle	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	43	Lebanon	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 21	62	Holland	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 24	33	Indian Head	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 30	24	Neepawa	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
July 6	29	Carberry	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.

Aug.	5	27	Glenwood .....To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
Aug.	15	52	Hartney... ....To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
Aug.	20	55	East Star.....To confer the M.·.M.·. degree, within the prescribed time, on a brother removing from the jurisdiction of the Lodge.
Sept.	6	42	Cascade ....To hold a special election and installation to fill a vacancy in the office of Junior Warden by the removal of that officer to Ontario.
Sept.	16	28	Bow River. .....To wear Masonic clothing on the occasion of dedicating and unveiling a monument.
Oct.	20	19	Brandon.....To re-ballot on a rejected candidate.
Nov.	20	40	Deloraine . .....To hold a meeting pending the issue of a new Charter, original having been destroyed by fire.
Nov.	25	51	Treherne .....To hold a meeting pending the issue of a new Charter, original having been destroyed by fire.
Dec.	7	62	Russell ....To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
1899.			
Jan'y	2	38	Battle .....To hold special election and installation of officers.
Jan'y	6	43	Lebanon .....To hold a special election and installation to fill a vacancy in the office of Junior Warden.
Jan'y	7	37	Alberta.....To install the Worshipful Master who was unable to attend at the regular date of installation.
Jan'y	9	45	Spitzie .....To confer the M.·.M.·. degree within the prescribed time on a brother removing to British Columbia.
Jan.	16	19	Brandon .....To wear Masonic clothing at a ball held under the auspices of the Lodge.
Feb'y	2	62	Russell .....To install the Worshipful Master who was unable to attend at the regular date of installation.
May	15	57	Evening Star....To wear Masonic clothing at Church.

DISPENSATION REFUSED.

October 6th, 1898—The M.·.W.·. Grand Master refused to grant a dispensation to Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, to confer the F.C. and M.M.

degrees at the same meeting, on a member of that Lodge, the reasons advanced not being sufficient, in his opinion, to warrant the exercise of the dispensing power.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master examined, revised and approved of the By-laws of the following Lodges:

December 12th, 1898—Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67
July 1st, 1899—Composite Lodge, No. 64

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:

June 14th, 1898—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53
October 18th, 1898—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53
December 12th, 1898—Oriental Lodge, No. 54
March 1st, 1899—Doric Lodge, No. 36
June 8th, 1899—St. John's Lodge, No. 4

CERTIFICATES OF STANDING ISSUED.

Certificates of Standing have been issued to former members of Pembina Lodge, No. 20 (now extinct), as follows:—

December 16th, 1898—Bro. George Riddell
December 30th, 1898—W. Bro. Wm. Cranston
December 31st, 1898—Bro. Robert Snowball
December 31st, 1898—Bro. Thomas Hagyard
March 28th, 1899—Bro. Thomas McKay

LODGES INCORPORATED.

The following Lodges have been incorporated during the past year, viz:—

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26
Birtle Lodge, No. 39

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I am pleased to report a greater degree of correctness and promptness in the preparation and transmission of the half-yearly reports during the past year than for several previous years. There are, of course, several of our Lodges that are late in transmitting their reports, and this retards the work of the office, and prevents the closing of the books at the date provided in our Constitution. Our laws require me to report, at each annual communication, all Lodges that have neglected

or refused to comply with any of the provisions of the Constitution. In accordance therewith, I have to report that the following Lodges failed to forward returns within the time prescribed by our Constitution, viz.:

Belmont Lodge, No. 13	Corinthian Lodge, No. 15
Wascana Lodge, No. 23	Neepawa Lodge, No. 24
Moosomin Lodge, No. 35	Alberta Lodge, No. 37
Battle Lodge, No. 38	North Star Lodge, No. 41
Glenboro Lodge, No. 48	Treherne Lodge, No. 51
Perfection Lodge, No. 60	North-West Mounted Police Lodge,
Russell Lodge, No. 62	No. 61

I am pleased, however, to again report that all the Lodges in our jurisdiction have forwarded reports and paid all indebtedness.

STATISTICAL.

The returns at the close of the year 1898 show that the increase in membership has kept pace with former years, and there is every indication that the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction are with few exceptions in a prosperous condition.

The following is a synopsis of the returns on December 27th, 1898, viz. :—

Increase.

Initiated		272
Passed	267	
Raised	242	
Joined		92
Restored		30
Total Increase for the year		394

Decrease.

Dimitted	112	
Died	26	
Suspended, N.P.D	55	
Suspended, U.M.C	1	
Total Decrease for the year		194
Leaving a Net Gain of		200
Total Membership		2870

FINANCIAL.

The financial statement shows that the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of our jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge is in a sound financial condition. The tide of immigration having turned in this direction, there is abundant evidence that the Canadian North-West has entered upon an era of prosperity unparalelled in its history.

Statements are submitted herewith, showing in detail the financial transactions of the office, together with the books, accounts and official correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. James M. Robinson (19), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary, in Account Current with Grand Lodge.

Monies Received during Fiscal Year ending 31st December, 1898.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	
1	Prince Rupert's	$148 25
2	Lisgar	62 20
3	Ancient Landmark	139 20
4	St. John's	102 35
6	Emerson	25 75
7	Assiniboine	59 25
8	King Solomon	33 75
9	Oakland	30 75
10	Northern Light	57 55
11	Gladstone	21 75
12	Stonewall	25 25
13	Belmont	63 25
14	Prince of Wales	40 25
15	Corinthian	19 00
16	Kinistino	35 75
19	Brandon	94 35
23	Wascana	41 75
24	Neepawa	44 50
25	Ionic	100 10
26	Moose Jaw	50 10
27	Glenwood	34 75
28	Bow River	63 75
29	Carberry	31 50
30	Manitou	27 25
31	Medicine Hat	38 25
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	21 75
33	Indian Head	38 50
34	Qu'Appelle	28 00
35	Moosomin	53 75
36	Doric	60 25
37	Alberta	53 00
38	Battle	14 50
39	Birtle	31 75
40	Deloraine	35 50
41	North Star	40 50
42	Cascade	$ 47 00
43	Lebanon	34 00
44	Oak Lake	17 25
45	Spitzie	32 50
47	Ashlar	21 00
48	Glenboro	19 00
49	Temple	50 95
50	Killarney	18 00
51	Treherne	22 50
52	Hartney	58 75
53	Edmonton	46 50
54	Oriental	47 00
55	East Star	43 35
56	Maple Leaf	16 50
57	Evening Star	55 10
58	Innisfail	22 75
60	Perfection	34 75
61	North-West Mounted Police	47 00
62	Russell	79 10
63	Holland	50 50
64	Composite	19 50
65	Eureka	11 00
66	Acacia	17 00
67	Wawanesa	65 50
	Klondyke	25 00
	Vermillion	25 00
	Other Sources as follows:	
	Blank Books and Forms	155 81
	Extinct Lodges	11 15
	Library (Refund)	18 97
	Fixtures (Refund)	11 00
	Constitutions	70
		$2,892 23

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

Year ending 31st December, 1898.

Initiations	$ 546 00
Dues	1,365 75
Certificates	480 00
Past Master's Certificates	37 00
Life Membership Fees	65 00
Charters	38 00
Constitutions	33 95
Dispensations	71 00
Blank Books and Forms	201 31
Extinct Lodges	11 15
By-laws	6 10
Lodge Seals	7 00
Refunds	29 97
	$2,892 23

CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1898, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

DR.		CR.	
1898.		1898.	
Dec. 31. To Receipts	$2,862 26	June 30. By G. Treas.	$ 400 00
" Refunds	29 97	July 20. " "	265 00
		Aug. 20. " "	280 00
		Sept. 19. " "	295 66
		" 30. " G.T. Lib. acct	10 00
		Dec. 12. " G. Treas.	117 09
		" 31. " "	176 70
		1899.	
		Jan. 16. " "	350 00
		" 23. " "	300 00
		Feb. 28. " "	300 00
		Mar. 27. " "	397 78
	$2,892 23		$2,892 23

YEARLY STATEMENT.

Year ending 31st December, 1898.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$ 71 00
Charters	31 00
Initiations	546 00
Dues	1,365 75
Certificates	395 15
Life Membership Fees	65 00
Past Master's Certificates	28 32
Blank Books and Forms	97 65
Extinct Lodges	11 15
By-laws	4 47
Interest	12 99
Lodge Seals	50

LOSSES.

Fixtures	$ 40 05	
Constitutions	18 54	
Expense	47 65	
Printing	410 10	
Books and Stationery	49 84	
Postage	170 45	
Rent	200 00	
Telegraphing	13 08	
Salaries	700 00	
Library Fixtures	19 37	
Regalia	9 65	
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Library Acc't.	03	
Benevolent Fund	10 00	
Special Grants	265 00	
Insurance	17 00	
Contingent Expenses	33 80	
Net Gain	624 42	
	$2,628 98	$2,628 98

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

It again becomes my duty to submit my Report (the thirteenth) as your Librarian.

PROCEEDINGS DONATED.

In addition to the Proceedings of 1898 and 1899 received in exchange for our own, the following bound volumes have been donated, for which our thanks are extended :

Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Vol. XXI, Part I, 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. W. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. George W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. J. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Cleaves, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Clinton F. Page, Grand Secretary General.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1899, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1899, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council A. & A. S. R. for the Dominion of Canada for the years 1894 to 1899 inclusive, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council A. & A. S. R. for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States for the years 1895 and 1897, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Fred Webber, Secretary General.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for the years 1890 to 1893, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for the years 1872, 1877, 1880 and 1881, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for the years 1866 to 1894, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama for the years 1866 to 1888, and 1891 to 1893, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. H. C. Armstrong, Grand Secretary.

CONSTITUTIONS, DIGESTS, CEREMONIALS, ETC., DONATED.

The Trestle Board for the use of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary.

Constitutions, General Regulations, Decisions and Standing Orders of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary.

Constitution, By-laws and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

Masonic Code, and Masonic Ceremonials of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Utah, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

Charges of a Freemason, Charter, Constitution, By-laws, Resolution and Decisions of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Illinois, 1897, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Ceremonials compiled for the use of Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

The Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1898, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Digest of the Decisions of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, from its organization in 1818, to the Annual Communication in 1898, the gift of M.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Speed, Past Grand Master.

The Laws of Freemasonry in Kansas, the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

Statutes of the Supreme Council A. & A.S.R. for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the gift of Bro. Fred. Webber, Secretary-General.

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama (editions of 1827 and 1864), and Masonic Code of Alabama (edition of 1896), the gift of R.·.W.·. Bro. H. C. Armstrong, Grand Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS DONATED.

Title.	Author.	Donor.
Semi-Centennial of Girard College		R.·.W.·. Bro. General Louis Wagner, Philadelphia....
The Craftsman and Canadian Mason Record, Vol. 7.....		R.·.W.·. W. J. Robertson, Port Hope, Ont.

Title.	Author.	Donor.
The Earth Girdled, the World as Seen To-day	Rev. DeWitt Talmage	M.·.W.·. Bro. J. D. O'Meara
History of the Old Lodge of Dumfries (Kilwinning No. 53)		R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott
The Royal Arch Companion	Bro. Jackson H. Chase	R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott
The Popular History	Charles Knight	Bro. W. W. Burke
The Tradition of the Temple	John Banyard	Messrs. P. C. Kullman & Co., New York.
Jewels of Masonic Oratory		R.·.W.·. Bro. L. S. Myler, Akron, Ohio.

MAGAZINES DONATED.

The Phrenological Journal and Science of Health, Vol. XLVII.
" " " Vol. XLIX.
Collection of (39) Harper's Monthly Magazine, The Cosmopolitan, and McClure, the gift of Bro. W. W. Burke.
The Century Magazine, Vol. XXIX.
The Century Magazine, Vol. XXXIII.
Harper's Monthly Magazine, Vol. LXXVII, the gift of R.·.W.·. W. G. Scott.
The Trestle Board (4 copies) to complete fyles, the gift of the proprietor, San Francisco, Cal.
The Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, Ind. (18 copies), to complete fyles, the gift of the editor, R.·.W.·. Bro. Martin H. Rice.
The Pacific Mason, Seattle, Washington (2 copies), to complete fyles, the gift of the editor, M.·.W.·. Bro. J. M. Taylor.

THE WM. BRADEN COLLECTION.

An exceptionally valuable contribution to the Library has been made by V.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden, of Winnipeg, who presented the following, viz.:

LaSalle and the Discovery of the Great West, by Francis Parkman.
The Northern Coasts of America and the Hudson's Bay Territory, by Patrick Fraser Cutter.
The Century Dictionary: An Encyclopædic Lexicon of the English Language (6 Vols.)

The thanks of Grand Lodge are due to Bro. Braden for his generosity.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Our thanks are again tendered Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, for valuable census reports, and for the Congressional Record which is regularly received.

M.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy also contributed a large number of valuable Government reports (bound) very useful for reference.

BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY AND KINDRED SUBJECTS, PURCHASED.

The Morals and Dogmas of Freemasonry, relating to E.A., F.C. and M.M. degrees, by Albert Pike.

The Temple of Solomon with all its Porches, Walls, Gates, Halls, Chambers and Holy Vessels, &c.

Reminiscences of Twenty-six years of Freemasonry.

MASONIC MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS PURCHASED.

The Freemasons Magazine and Masonic Mirror, Vol. III, 1857.
" " " " Vol. VI, 1859.
The Freemason, London, England. 18 Vols. XI to XXVIII.

WORKS OF REFERENCE PURCHASED.

The Century Cyclopædia of Names.
The Century Atlas of the World.
The Library of Choice Literature and Encyclopædia of Universal Knowledge. 10 Vols.

BOOKS RELATING TO CANADA PURCHASED.

The Dominion Illustrated. Vols. I and II bound in one Vol.
The Dominion Illustrated. Vols. III and IV bound in one Vol.
A History of Canada, by Charles G. D. Roberts.
Haliburton, A Centenary Chaplet.
Ten Years in Winnipeg, by Alex. Begg.
Twenty-seven Years in Canada West, by Major Strickland, C.M., 2 vols.
The Prince of Wales in Canada and the United States.
Canada, Its Defences, Conditions and Resources, by W. Howard Russell, L.L.D.
Canada, An Encylopædia of the Country. 5 Vols.

MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS PURCHASED.

An Algonoquin Maiden, by G. Mercer Adams and A. E. Wetherall.
Impressions of South Africa, by James Bryce.
Books: A guide to good reading, by James Bryce.
The Study of City Government, by Delos F. Wilcox, A.M.

Minnesota and Its Resources, by J. W. Bond.
Municipal Problems, by Frank J. Goodnow, A.M., L.L.D.
Pictures from the Life of Nelson, by W. Clark Russell.
The Crown of Wild Olives, Four Lectures on Industry and War, by John Ruskin, M.A.
The True and Beautiful in Nature, Art, Morals and Religion, selected from the works of John Ruskin, M.A.
The Romance of a Jesuit Mission, by M. B. Sanford.

In addition to the exchanges, unbound books, and Government publications, 105 volumes have been added, making a total of 1235 volumes in five years.

FINANCIAL.

There has been expended during the past year in the purchase of books, magazines, etc., the sum of $190.43. A balance of $91.00 remains unexpended, of this amount $50 will be required for binding Proceedings, periodicals, etc.

READING ROOM.

The magazines and periodicals reported in previous years are still to be found on the tables in the Library. R.·.W.·. Bro. E. W. Rugg, publisher of the Masonic Directory, has contributed $20.00 towards subscriptions for these, and the balance is donated by the city Lodges.

The attendance for reasons which I will not attempt to explain is small, notwithstanding that every effort is made to provide the best class of periodicals, and to make the rooms attractive.

The following papers, magazines, etc., are supplied free of charge:
"The Telegram," Toronto, daily edition.
"Manitoba Free Press," Winnipeg, daily edition.
"The Telegram," " "
"The Silent Echo," " monthly.
"The American Tyler," Chicago.
"The Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
"The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"The Kansas Freemason," Wichita, Kansas.
"The Australian Keystone," Melbourne, Victoria.
"The Freemason," Toronto, Ont.
"The Craftsman," Toronto, Ont.
"The Orient," Kansas City, Missouri.
"The Square and Compass," New Orleans, La.

PORTRAIT.

R.·.W.·. Bro. E. W. Rugg, with characteristic generosity has donated a handsomely framed portrait of the late M.·.W.·. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and at the time of his death, Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge.

During the past three years the readers of fiction in connection with the Library have been very few, being almost entirely limited to a few brethren in Winnipeg. If the fiction element of the Library is to be made of real value to a large number of brethren in the whole jurisdiction three things are essential, viz :

1. A very considerable addition to the volumes in the Library.

2. A complete catalogue printed so that brethren resident outside of Winnipeg may have some guide in choosing books.

3. An assistant Librarian, as the attending to requests for books from all over the jurisdiction would very materially increase the duties of the Librarian.

The foregoing would necessarily involve a considerable expenditure for a purpose which in my opinion does not properly belong to the work of Freemasonry. I would therefore recommend that no further works of fiction be purchased, but that instead standard works of reference be procured. These can be consulted in the Library, but of the most important, duplicates might be procured to be placed at the disposal of such brethren or Lodges as apply for them. Standard works of historial, or literary value, might be procured. Such a Library would be more in accordance with the educative functions of the Craft than a large collection of works of fiction, however widely read and popular such works might be.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Librarian.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Archibald W. Hooper (2), seconded by W.·. Bro. Newton Edmeston (24), the Report of the Librarian was referred to the Board of General Purposes.

INVITATION TO RECEPTION.

The Grand Secretary read the following communication from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories:

Government House,
Regina, 10th June, 1899.

Sir,

I notice that the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba and the North-West Territories is about to meet in Regina. I shall be pleased if you will receive and convey to the Freemasons visiting Regina on so interesting an occasion, an invitation from myself and Madame Forget, to an At Home at Government House, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, your obedient servant,
A. E. FORGET,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Sheriff Murphy,
Grand Master of Free Masons,
Moosomin, Assa.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by R.·.W.·.Bro. E. W. Rugg (3), and

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge desires to thank His Honor for his kind invitation to attend an "At Home" at Government House, and has great pleasure in accepting the same.

INVITATION TO BALL.

M.·.M.·. Bro. David J. Goggin, on behalf of the members of Wascana Lodge, No. 23, and North-West Mounted Police Lodge, No. 61, extended an invitation to the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge to attend a ball to be given in their honor on Wednesday evening.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by R.·.V.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph M. Robinson (19), and

Resolved, That the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, having received an invitation to attend a ball to be given in their honor, have great pleasure in accepting the same, and desire M.·.W.·.Bro. D. J. Goggin to convey to the brethren of the Regina Lodges their appreciation of this kindly and cordial hospitality.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE.

On motion of Bro. David Low (23), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. William A. Windatt (3), the Library Committee was instructed to issue, as soon as possible, a catalogue of the books on Masonry in the Grand Lodge Library, and to make arrangements whereby members of Subordinate Lodges may, with the approval of the W.M.'s, obtain books from the Library.

CELEBRATION OF QUARTO-CENTENNIAL.

On motion of M.·.W.·.Bro. D. J. Goggin (10), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the Grand Master was authorized to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the proper celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge.

CHANGE IN LIMITS OF DISTRICT.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11), the limits of the Second Masonic District, as defined on page 512, Proceedings of 1898, was changed to read as follows :

The Second Masonic District shall be comprised of Townships 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, in Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 West, and shall include Ranges 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 West, from the south limit of Township 18, to the northern boundary of the Province.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m., until Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 14th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following Annual Report:

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. and A.M.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report as follows:

That at a meeting held on June 17th, V.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas W. Taylor was elected President, and M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Vice-President. At the same meeting the various committees were appointed.

That at a meeting held on July 29th R.·. W.·. Bro. J. Thompson Black was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board, and its committees, created by the death of R.·. W.·. Bro. John Chambers.

That at the same meeting, held on July 29th, a letter of condolence to the family of the late R.·. W.·. Chambers was adopted, of which the following is a copy:

"TO MRS. JOHN CHAMBERS,
WINNIPEG.

"The Masons of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba were pained to learn of the untimely death of our dearly loved and trusted brother, and your beloved husband, John Chambers. Our brother, at the time of his death, was a member of the Board of Gen-

eral Purposes of the Grand Lodge, and has held many honored positions in Masonry, the gifts of his sorrowing brethren, in which, by his zeal, his active intelligent labors, he did much to assist in the promotion of Masonic principles in the Province.

"We deplore the loss of one who will be greatly missed from the assemblies of Masons, but we sorrow not as those without hope, as we believe he has left the scene of his labors here for a higher and holier sphere. We will cherish his memory in our hearts, and commend to all the imitation of his many virtues.

"The Board of General Purposes desire, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to add this tribute of respect to the worth of our late lamented brother, and to assure you and your dear ones of our sincere sympathy in this great affiiction, and may the Most High cheer, support and encourage you, and have you always in His holy keeping.

On behalf of the Board,

THOMAS W. TAYLOR,
WILLARD C. COPELAND,
J. R. GRANT.

"Dated at Winnipeg this 30th day of July, A.D. 1898."

That the Board by direction given at the last meeting of Grand Lodge caused a suitable testimonial to be procured for presentation to Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Robinson, and would recommend that the same be presented to him at the first opportunity.

That the Board has approved and adopted the reports of the various committees submitted herewith.

That this being the last meeting of the Board the hope is expressed that the organic change made in the work of the various committees appointed to attend to the business of this Grand Lodge, will in every way be conducive to the advancement of Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS W. TAYLOR,
President Board of General Purposes.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Harry H. Campkin (33), the Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Secretary read the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as follows :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered and approved the amendments to the Constitution, finding nothing at variance with Masonic law and usage therein.

No complaints or appeals have been presented to your Committee, which is the best evidence that peace and harmony universally prevails in the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has perused the correspondence between the M.·.W.·. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and our M.·.W.·. Grand Master, as to which Grand Lodge claimed jurisdiction in the Yukon Territory. Your Committee concurs in the opinion of our M.·.W.·. Grand Master, that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has no jurisdiction over that Territory, and that the Territory is what is commonly known as "unoccupied territory."

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

The Grand Secretary read the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry, as follows :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on the State of Masonry begs leave to present the following report :

Your Committee has examined the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and note in each the same characteristics of slow, yet steady progress and uninterrupted harmony and good feeling.

Before glancing at these reports your Committee desires to express their unfeigned sorrow, doubtless shared by every member of the craft throughout the jurisdiction, at the loss sustained by Grand Lodge, by Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, by Gladstone Lodge No. 11, and by the community in which our late R.·.W.·. Bro. John Chambers resided, through his sudden and untimely death. Only a short time after last meeting of Grand Lodge he was "called hence" in a moment, in the "twinkling of an eye," and "the place that knew him so well shall now know him no more for ever." R.·.W.·. Bro. Chambers was a man and a brother in the fullest sense, keen, alert, active, untiring in his devotion to the craft, he was the very *beau ideal* of a useful member of Grand Lodge and his reports as Chairman of the Committee on the State of Masonry or in connection with the various other stations he was called upon to fill, ever evinced that care and judgment so essential, so hard to find. It will be a very difficult matter to replace so efficient an official. As a citizen he enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends and his death was the occasion of calling forth very general expressions of regret for his loss, and of sympathy for his sorrowing widow and family. Your Committee recommend Grand Lodge to place on record a suitable testimony.

There is no report from Battleford. There is darkness in the "black North." The "grim reaper" has brooded over District Number 6 and cut down the goodly tree. The brave, genial, whole hearted soldier and mason, R.·. W.·. Bro. John Cotton, D. D. G. M. of that District is no more. His work was finished and it was in very truth finished and he was called. As a soldier Major Cotton was known over the whole North-West Territories and throughout Manitoba as a brave, intelligent officer; as a citizen he was loved and respected as a sterling, straightforward, honorable, upright man and as a Mason it is requisite only to point to his standing in Grand Lodge. To his widow, the daughter of the late M.·.W.·. Bro. Honorable Thomas White, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, your Committee offer their most respectful sympathy.

Your Committee is pleased to find past representations and recommendations bearing fruit. Little fault can be found with the reports either for want of promptitude or completeness of detail.

The D.D.G.M. of District No. 1, reports the attendance at meetings of the Lodges in the City of Winnipeg "is not what it ought to be."

and attributes this to "the very large number of members in some of the Lodges, which puts the master's chair out of the reach of most of the members," resulting in a loss of interest and a drift toward other bodies. He also says the work in the city lodges is done neither "as well as it ought to be, nor as one can remember seeing it a few years ago," and thinks "the use of two rituals is largely to blame for this as it prevents the permanent establishment of a Lodge of Instruction." Your Committee thinks the disease of non-attendance must be cured by greater energy on the part of those brethren who are active, by making meetings more attractive and instructive, and by constantly striving to attain the best. The remedy for the other evil lies in the hands of Grand Lodge, if so be the R.·.W.·. Bro. has suggested the remedy. Your Committee thinks a good deal of laxity is prevented or cured by Lodges of Instruction, and that the use of two rituals is a bar to the success of such Lodges. There is a difference of opinion as to the comparative merits and beauties of the two rites, but it is certain that one may in places borrow each from the other, and if so, then Grand Lodge might with advantage adopt a single ritual blending the two, not probably so much by mere verbal changes, as by adapting the exemplification of certain degrees of the one and the other, and making a more beautiful and harmonious whole.

Your Committee concur in the recommendation of the D.D.G.M., of District No. 2, that a charter be granted Vermillion Lodge, U.D., Dauphin, and in this connection your Committee are pleased to note that several Lodges U.D. appear well placed, and shew judicious care on the part of the petitioners, for duly guarding the interests of the craft. There is no doubt that the addition to the number of Lodges and necessarily the roll of membership will hereafter be most marked and increase very materially the work in the office of the Grand Secretary.

In two of the reports there is a recommendation looking to the establishment of District and Lodge Libraries. It would be a great stride upward if every Lodge should endeavor to have its own library. It appears to your Committee that the Grand Lodge Library if taken advantage of by the country Lodges in a far greater degree than at present, and in that respect provides every opportunity for reference, obviates the necessity of District Libraries.

The report of the D.D.G.M. of District No. 5, does not present any evidence of great ambition on the part of that official to properly discharge the duties of his office. Your Committee deem it best to maintain a charitable silence as to his self-condemnation.

The D.D.G.M.'s of Districts No. 2 and 7 have very commendably filled their duties by officially visiting every Lodge in their respective districts. The former visited every Lodge twice. The latter has visited every Lodge once, some of the Lodges twice, and some even a third time, all on the regular meeting nights. This is the truly masonic conception of duty, and it is most pleasant to point to these officials as worthy of imitation. They served faithfully, and doubtless feel the glow of satisfaction in faithful service. They were created by Grand Lodge that is, G. L. gave them a field, and they went into the field, cultivated it, and doubtless a goodly harvest will follow their efforts. The D.D.G.M. of District No. 7, materially assisted the Grand Secretary, by enjoining promptitude in making returns and in requesting each Lodge to furnish a duplicate return to him. In this way each Secretary felt the eye of the D.D.G.M. on him.

The D.D.G.M.'s of Nos. 8 and 9 have been very diligent in the exercise of their duties. The former thinks he has the banner district, and he is probably not far out. It only goes to emphasize the fact that the prosperity of Lodges depends on the selection of zealous, hardworking, intelligent officers, especially for the W.·.M.·. and Secretary's chairs.

Your Committee would again call the attention of Grand Lodge to the neglect in keeping the historical record. Admonition seems wasted, scolding is unseemly. How would Lodges like the imposition of a penality for neglect?

Your Committee are glad to notice that in many Lodges great interest has been taken in contributing to the Fund for Aged and Indigent Masons. The thanks of Grand Lodge are due specially to M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, for his self-denying and unstinted efforts in lecturing, in aid of, and otherwise promoting this fund.

There is no report from District No. 3, and your Committee learn that no official visits were paid by its D.D.G.M. Comment is superfluous.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
Chairman.

On motion of M.·.W.·.Bro. David J. Goggin (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin (10), the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. J. Dallas O'Meara, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report :

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A.M.

GRAND ORIENT OF BELGIUM.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has carefully examined the documents accompanying the application of this organization for an exchange of representatives.

By virtue of a treaty made with the Supreme Council of Belgium, on April 4th, 1880, it claims to exercise complete control over all Lodges existing in that country, and working the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. This treaty may be abrogated by either of the contracting parties giving six months' notice.

Under the circumstances your Committee does not feel warranted in acceding to the request, and it believes that it should be a settled policy of the Grand Lodge to exchange representatives only with symbolic Grand Lodges having exclusive control over Craft Masonry in the countries where located.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.: That the request of the Grand Orient of Belgium for an exchange of representatives be not granted.

THE GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON AND NEGRO MASONRY.

Your Committee has had under consideration the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in recognizing as Masons two negroes claiming to hold Masonic standing from the Prince Hall Lodge, of Massachusetts.

While in no manner or degree recognizing any "color line" in Freemasonry, your Committee cannot but feel that in this matter the Grand Lodge of Washington has done serious wrong.

The Prince Hall Lodge originally held a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. Even in its first constitution there is serious question whether the Grand Lodge of England had any right to constitute

a Lodge in what had then become a foreign jurisdiction. However that may be, the Prince Hall Lodge became practically extinct, thus losing any rights it may have acquired by its original constitution. Upon its revival, an application for recognition was made to the Grand Lodge of England, and this communication was never replied to. The Prince Hall Lodge, from which a number of negro lodges hold, had then no valid Masonic existence, and as such, all holding from it must be treated as clandestine Masons.

While we would not advise so severe a measure as the withdrawal of Masonic recognition from our sister Grand Lodge of Washington your Committee would recommend that its finding on this matter—if such commend itself to Grand Lodge—be communicated to the Grand Lodge of Washington, leaving until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge any further action that may seem to be necessitated by the course of the Grand Lodge of Washington during the next year.

THE GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

Our present relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru are determined by the last clause of this report. While not as heretofore refusing any connection with this Grand Lodge on account of its violation of the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry in the opinion of your Committee it should be included in the list of Grand Bodies, the admission of whose members is to be left to the judgment of the Grand Master.

RECOGNIZED AND RECOGNIZABLE GRAND LODGES.

Your Committee recommends that the following be designated as recognized and recognizable Grand Lodges, viz: England, Ireland, Scotland, British Columbia, Canada (in Ontario), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Deleware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiania, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, New South Wales, New Zealand, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria.

That should applications for affiliation be received from brethren hailing from jurisdictions other than those herein enumerated, or

should visitors from these jurisdictions present themselves to our Lodges, no action is to be taken until each case is submitted to the Grand Master for his action.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA,
Chairman.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden (4), the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Grand Secretary presented the Report of the Committee on Finance, as follows:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that, during the year 1898, it authorized payment of the accounts, as presented by the Grand Secretary in the summary submitted by him, which has been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

We find the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, on the 31st of December, 1898, to be as follows:

Current Account	$1,246 82
Special Account	375 58
Benevolent Account	39 63
Making the total available assets at that date	$1662 03

Your Committee recommends the following appropriation for the year—April 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1,900:

Grand Secretary's Salary	$ 700 00
Office Rent	200 00
Printing Proceedings, 1899	262 50
Books and Stationery	50 00
Postage and Express Charges	150 00
Printing Constitutions	364 80

Printing Funeral Ceremonies	151 90
Printing Ceremonies	127 50
Grant to Grand Master for expenses	100 00
Grant to Acting Grand Tyler	15 00
Insurance	25 00
Grand Lodge Certificates	150 00
Blank Books and Forms	100 00
Engrossing	20 00
Testimonial for Thomas Robinson	50 00
Committee on Credential Expenses	30 00
Contingent Expenses	100 00
Grant to Library	75 00

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. ENDERTON,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. William Braden (4), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10) the Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

V.·.W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin, from the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity has held three meetings during the year, at one of which a grant was made to Mrs. Margaret Stewart, widow of the late Brother James Greene Stewart, who in the early days, when Masonry was in its infancy in this country, was an earnest and generous brother.

Your Committee beg to report that "The Victorian Aged and Indigent Fund" has now available about $800, and would recommend that after the capital reaches the sum of $2,000, the interest on same be employed for the purpose for which the fund was established.

Your Committee desires to extend its thanks to M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, D.D., for his earnest efforts in delivering a course of lectures in aid of the fund.

Fraternally submitted,

S. P. MATHESON,
Chairman.

On motion of V.·.W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin (10), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the Report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity was received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin. from the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee on Lodges under Dispensation begs to report that it has, in accordance with the Constitution, examined the books, records, petitions for charters—placed in its hands—of the following new Lodges:

VERMILLION LODGE, DAUPHIN, DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Dispensation issued December 23rd, 1898. Instituted December 23rd, 1898. Has held several regular and four (4) emergent meetings; it has initiated nine (9), passed seven (7), raised five (5), total membership twenty (20); has the necessary books and submits correct returns; has no debt. The manner in which the records are kept reflects the greatest credit on the officers, they show that the work of the Lodge is well attended to and that there is an active set of officers. This Lodge appears to have started under very favorable auspices, and the hope is expressed that it will long continue to enjoy the success and prosperity which has attended the efforts to introduce Masonry into the District.

YORKTON LODGE, YORKTON, DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

Dispensation issued February 4th, 1899. Instituted February 15th, 1899. Has held four (4) regular and one (1) emergent meetings; it has initiated eight (8), passed seven (7), raised four (4), total membership twenty-three (22), has the necessary books and submits correct returns.

SHILOH LODGE, ROLAND, DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Dispensation issued March 1st, 1899. Instituted March 8th, 1899. Has held three (3) regular and three (3) emergent meetings; it has initiated four (4), passed three (3), raised three (3), total membership fourteen (14); has no debt, has the necessary books and submits correct returns. At the first meeting the Committee on the petition of Mr. Webster, a candidate for initiation, reported favorably and at the same meeting the E.A. degree was conferred on Mr. Webster. The Constitution provides that a candidate is not to be initiated unless his petition be presented at a regular meeting, be referred to a committee, and lie over at least one month or until the Committee has made the necessary enquiry into the character of the candidate and report thereon. As this was the first meeting of the Lodge it is clear that the Constitution has not been complied with. The action of the Lodge in conferring the degree was absolutely irregular and it is a serious reflection on the older Masons present to have allowed such an irregularity to take place. The Lodge should apply to the Grand Master to have this irregularity "healed." In the minutes of the meetings it does not appear clear that the Lodge was regularly opened in the E.A., F.C. and M.M. degrees and regularly closed down. This should always be done.

CRYSTAL LODGE, CRYSTAL CITY, DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Dispensation issued March 28th, 1899. Instituted April 13th, 1899. Has held two (2) regular and one (1) emergent meetings; it has initiated four (4); has no debt; has the necessary books, and submits correct returns. It is evident that this Lodge has started under very favorable auspices, and gives every indication that it will become a strong and an active Lodge. The usual mistake occurs in closing the Lodge from the M. M. to a lower degree, for the purpose of conferring degrees, and after the work is done, closing the Lodge from the degree in which the work is done. The ordinary course is to suspend labor in short form, from the M.M. degree to the degree in which it is intended to work, and when the work has been completed, to open in short form back to the M. M. degree and close regularly down. Attention should be given to the form of minutes prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

Your committee would recommend that charters be granted to Vermillion Lodge No. 68, located at Dauphin, Manitoba, and to Yorkton Lodge No. 69, at Yorkton, Assiniboia, and that the despensations of Shiloh Lodge, at Roland, Manitoba, and Crystal Lodge, at Crystal City, Manitoba, be continued until June 1st, 1900.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS ROBINSON,
J. OBED SMITH,
T. HARRY WEBB,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. George W. Baker, (10), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. John S. Brayfield, (19), the Report of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R.·.W.·. Bro. George W. Baker, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's address, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee, to which was referred the address of the Grand Master begs leave to report:

That it has referred the several portions of the address to the proper Standing Committees.

That it desires to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and upon the prosperity of the craft, as evidenced by the institution of four new Lodges, and an increase of two hundred in the membership.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. BAKER,
JOHN C. SAUL,
W. E. HAZLEY,
} *Committee.*

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden (4), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, from the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee to which was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary begs leave to report:

That it is a pleasure to note a greater degree of correctness and promptness in the preparation and transmitting of the half-yearly reports during the past year, and it is a matter of congratulation that all the Lodges in our jurisdiction have forwarded reports and paid all indebtedness.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that the increase for the year 1898 has kept pace with former years and that there is an indication that the Lodges, with few exceptions, are in a prosperous condition. It is a matter of congratulation that the affairs of Grand Lodge are in a sound financial condition; in fact the statements show the past year to have been the most prosperous in the history of our jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. BELL,
WILLARD C. COPELAND, } *Committee.*

On motion of W.·. Bro. Wm. T. Speed (49), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11), the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, from the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on the Grand Lodge Library begs to report as follows:

The Library has been established for a number of years, and the Grand Lodge has not refused at any time to grant freely the funds necessary to purchase books necessary to make up a first-class general and reference library.

Notwithstanding that we have as a result of the efforts of the Librarian and Committee, a most valuable collection of general and masonic literature, the fact that very little use is made of these gathered treasures is becoming every year more apparent to your Committee.

Your Committee considers that wherever the difficulty lies, the present state of things must be changed, and the interest in and usefulness of the library must in some way be evidenced. With this object in view, your Committee would make the following recommendations, viz.:

1. That no more works of fiction be purchased.
2. That the works of fiction now in the Library be sent to the District Deputy Grand Masters, to be by them distributed among the Lodges of their districts to the best advantage.
3. That all books so distributed be returned to the Librarian, not later than the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge following their distribution.
4. That a number of works of practical utility on Masonry be purchased and supplied to each District Deputy Grand Master, to be handed by him to his successor in office.
5. That the District Deputy Grand Masters constantly impress on the members of the Craft in their districts, the importance of each subscribing to some standard Masonic periodical, a list of which will be furnished by the Librarian.
6. That all brethren visiting Winnipeg consult the various works contained in the Reference Department, such arrangements to be made at the Masonic Temple as will make the Library at all times accessible to such visiting brethren.

Your Committee notes with pleasure the list of contributions to the Library during the past year, especially those from V.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden, Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator from Minnesota, and R.·. W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, and heartily concur with the Librarian that the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered these generous donors.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the books, magazines, etc., in the Library are kept in good order, and that the Librarian continue to give his careful personal attention to its affairs.

Your Committee recommends that the sum of $75 be appropriated for the purposes of the Library.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. O'MEARA,
W. A. WINDATT, } *Committee.*

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1) seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. A. Windatt (3), the Report of the Special Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the Report of the Audit Committee as follows:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Your auditors beg to report that they have audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find same correct with the following exceptions:

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

There are two items of interest of $5.49 each of which the Grand Secretary has no account. It will be necessary for this to be debited to the Grand Treasurer in this year's receipts.

GRAND TREASURER'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

The Grand Secretary has debited him with interest $6.15 instead of $5.45; he should credit him with 70c. in current year.

GRAND TREASURER'S LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

The Grand Secretary paid the Grand Treasurer $10.00 on the 24th Sept. which has not been debited to the latter. Voucher No. A 18 $12.93 is credited to him as $7.30 only, and voucher No. A 33 $4.30 has not been credited. These errors and ommissions in Library account almost balance each other, the difference being only three cents.

Your auditors would point out that the first error was primarily caused by the bank mislaying pass-book, so that Grand Secretary was not apprised of this credit until the accounts had been printed. That the second and third are clerical errors, involving only the sum of 73c, and that all of them are rectified in the current year's accounts.

In conclusion, your auditors can only reiterate the remarks of their predecessors, as to the excellent manner in which the books and vouchers are kept, and congratulate the Grand Lodge on having two such efficient and painstaking officers.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. HAZLEY,
J. THOMPSON BLACK, } *Auditors.*

On motion of R.·.W.·.Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. John S. Brayfield (19), the Report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITEE ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, from the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee appointed to revise, classify and consolidate the Constitution, begs leave to report that it has performed its duty, and submits herewith copy, ready for printing.

Your Committee has also made the necessary verbal alterations to harmonize conflicting sections, and has also revised Forms of Ceremonies and Standard Forms of By-Laws.

Your Committee would further recommend that provision be made for printing the following, viz.:

1500 copies of the Constitution.
500 copies of the Ceremonies.
1000 copies of the Burial Service.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. SCOTT,
H. J. EBERTS,
J. D. O'MEARA. } *Committee.*

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11), the report of the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution was received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE OFFICES OF GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee appointed to examine into the offices of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary beg to report that we have looked through the office of the latter, and find that the salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at $700 per annum in 1893, when the Grand Lodge membership was 2142 (or 32½ cents per capita). Since that time there has been a large increase in the number of Lodges, and in the membership, which involves a large amount of extra labor.

We would therefore recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed, in order that the compensation may be increased with the membership, and would recommend the following: At the rate of $32.50 for every 100 members, until our membership is $3,000—$875. The same rate for 3,000, and $30 for every 100 members above 3,000, until our membership is 3,500—$1,125. For every 100 members above 3,500, $25, until our membership is 4,000—$1,250. For every 100 members above 4,000, $20, until the salary shall equal $2000.

The present membership, according to last returns, in twenty-four years, is 2,870, so that it will be many years before the maximum salary will be reached.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. EBERTS,
W. G. BELL,
T. W. TAYLOR. } *Committee.*

It was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), that the Report of the Committee on the Work of the Offices of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), that the Report of the Committee be referred back, for such a statement of the receipts and expenditure, and the time now given by the Grand Secretary, as will enable the Grand Lodge at its next communication to discuss intelligently the need and its ability to pay the proposed sliding scale.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge, and declared carried.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Manitoba and North-Western Railway Co., and the Northern Pacific Railway Co., for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, NO. 3.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31). seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

THANKS TO THE REGINA LODGES.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to Wascana Lodge, No. 23, for the use of its hall for holding the Communication of Grand Lodge, and the members of that Lodge and North-West Mounted Police Lodge, No. 61, for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of the Grand Lodge.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11), seconded by W.·. Bro. Newton Edmeston (24), and

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at the City of Winnipeg.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden (4), the Finance Committee was

authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling, and for other expenses during his term of office.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.·.W.·. BROTHER GEORGE B. MURPHY.

On motion of M.·.W.·.Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy.

CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Ernest C. Powell (60), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the Grand Master was requested to appoint a Committee to purchase Masonic clothing and insignia for the officers of Grand Lodge.

GREETINGS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

On motion of R.·.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin (10), it was

Resolved, That a telegram of greeting be sent to the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, on the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

In accordance with notice previously given, the following amendments to the Constitution were, on motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Wm. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11), adopted, viz :

1. That Section 3 amended at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (*See Amendment No. 1, page 509, Proceedings of 1898*) be further amended by inserting after the words "The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the Tenth Masonic District," the following, "The R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the Eleventh Masonic District."

2. That Section 8 be amended by inserting after the word "District" in the eighth line, the words "through the action of a majority of the Lodges working therein."

3. That Section 12 be amended by inserting after the word "June" in the second line, the words "in the City of Winnipeg," and by inserting the word "other" after the word "such" in the second line ; and by inserting after the word "on" in the third line, the words "by a majority vote, which vote shall be taken immediately before the election of Grand Officers."

4. That Section 18 be amended by inserting after the word "shall" in the first line, the words "without the permission of the Grand Master"; and by striking out the words "proper clothing" and inserting the words "the clothing distinctive of his rank."

5. That sub-Section X of Section 20 be amended by adding thereto the following :—"F. On the Fraternal Dead."

6. That Section 34 be amended, as follows :—

1st. By inserting after the word "installed" in the sixth line, the following, "and if not present he shall be installed within one month after the close of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in one of the chartered Lodges of the jurisdiction, by a Past Master specially commissioned for that purpose."

2nd. By inserting after the word "made" in the seventh line, the words "or if the brother fails to attend for installation."

3rd. By inserting after the word "shall" in the ninth line, the words "after being installed."

7. That Amendment No. 16 (*See page 512, Proceedings of 1898*) be further amended by inserting after the word "alteration" in the first line, the words "without notice," and by inserting after the word "Meridian" in the third line on page 513, the following, "The Eleventh Masonic District shall be composed of the District of Yukon."

8. That Amendment No. 18 (*See page 513, Proceedings of 1898*) be further amended by striking out the words "if practicable."

9. That Section 63 be amended by striking out the words "Grand Master" in the second and third lines, and inserting the words "Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

10. That Amendment No. 32 (*See page 516, Proceedings of 1898*) be further amended by adding thereto the following, "To recommend for the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master such brethren as in its opinion have faithfully discharged their duties as District Deputy Grand Masters."

11. That Amendment No. 34, sub-Section 3 (*See page 516, Proceedings of 1898*) be further ameuded by inserting the words "receipts and" after the word "probable" in the second line.

12. That Amendment No. 43 (*See page 518, Proceedings of 1898*) be further amended by inserting the words "members of Grand Lodge" after the word "auditors" in the sixth line.

13. That Amendment No. 44 (*See page 518, Proceedings of 1898*) be further amended by adding thereto the following, "4. On the Fraternal Dead."

14. That the following be inserted to follow Section 121:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, ETC.

1. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, who shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Board, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

2. It shall be the duty of the Board to issue certificates as required by the Act of Incorporation, passed by the Legislative Assemby of the Province of Manitoba, known as 47 VICTORIA CAP. 61, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," and by an Ordinance passed by the Legislative

Assembly of the North-West Territories, known as No. 34 of 1895, entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Incorporation of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

3. Meetings of the Board may be held at any time, by order of the Grand Master or the President.

4. Should the President die, or be removed, or leave the jurisdiction, the Board shall elect a President to serve until the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

5. Should the President be absent from a meeting of the Board, the Board shall appoint a chairman, *pro tempore*.

6. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

15. That Section 122 be amended as follows:

1. By inserting after the word "dollars," in the 12th line, the words "For a dispensation to attend divine service in Masonic clothing, one dollar."

2. By inserting the word "other" after the word "any," in the thirteenth line, and by substituting the word "five" for "one," in the same line.

3. That the words "For a dispensation to hold a special election of officers, or an officer of a Lodge, Five Dollars" be inserted between the thirteenth and fourteenth lines of said section (No. 122).

4. That the words "not otherwise provided for" be inserted after the word "purpose," in the fourteenth line of said section (No. 122).

16. That Section 189, sub-section 3, be amended to read as follows: "Duplicate returns (*written in ink*) shall be made, one copy to be retained and preserved by the secretary of the Lodge, and the other copy, together with all fees, dues and other indebtedness to Grand Lodge, to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, on or before January 15th and July 15th in each year."

17. That a new sub-section be added after Sub-section No. 3 of Section No. 189, to read as follows: "A fine of five dollars shall be imposed upon every Lodge in the Province of Manitoba and the Districts of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, the returns of which shall not have been mailed to the Grand Secretary's office, on or before February 1st and August 1st in each year."

18. That Section 190 be amended to read as follows: "Every Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, read in open lodge, at the regular meeting following their receipt, which communication shall be noted in the minutes of the Lodge.

19. That Section 195 be amended to read as follows: "No jewels, other than those specified for the present or past officers of Lodges, or for the present or past officers of the Grand Lodge, except such honorary and other jewels as shall appertain to, or be consistent with, the degrees of Craft Masonry, shall be worn in a subordinate lodge, when tyled.

20. That Section No. 253 be amended, by striking out the words "and shall," in the third line, and substituting the words "he may," and by inserting the words "without additional fees," after the word "behalf" in the fourth line.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION WITHDRAWN.

By permission of the Grand Lodge, the following notice of motion to amend the Constitution was withdrawn:

That the first section on page 38, be amended to read as follows: "Provided that Sections 127 and 128 shall not apply to Lodges that have adopted clothing and insignia until the opening of Grand Lodge in the year 1903, nor shall these sections apply to Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, which Lodge shall be permitted to adopt the clothing and insignia as prescribed in Sections 127 and 128, with the addition of the name and number of the Lodge in a circle, with silver letters on a sky-blue ground, on the fall or flap of the apron instead of the usual rosette."

REGULATIONS REGARDING BY-LAWS.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. William G. Scott (1), seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. Braden (4), and

Resolved, That the standard form of By-Laws in use in this jurisdiction be prescribed for the government of Lodges under dispensation, and for all Lodges that have not adopted By-Laws.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the election of officers would take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 10 o'clock a.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4 o'clock p.m., until Thursday, June 15th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 15th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

M.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master :

R.·.W.·. Bro. William Fenwick, from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John McGuirl, from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin, from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. W. Baker, from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton, from the Grand Lodge of Maine.

V.·.W.·. Bro. William Braden, from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:

To the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception begs to report that there are 59 chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; 16 Lodges are represented by duly qualified officers; 18 Lodges are represented by proxy, and 25 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 46 duly qualified Past Masters, and with Representatives a total vote of 148. Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:

2	Lisgar,	W.·. Bro. Archibald Wesley Hooper,	W. Master.
3	Ancient Landmark,		
		R.·. W.·. Bro. Edgar William Rugg,	Proxy.
4	St. John's,	V.·. W.·. Bro. William Braden,	Proxy.
6	Emerson,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton,	Proxy.
7	Assiniboine,	V.·. W.·. Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin,	Proxy.
11	Gladstone,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor,	Proxy.
16	Kinistino,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain,	Proxy.
19	Brandon,	V.·. W.·. Bro. Joseph Montgomery Robinson,	Proxy.
23	Wascana,	W.·. Bro. Alexander Shepphard,	W. Master.
		Bro. David Low,	S. Warden.
24	Neepawa,	W.·. Bro. Newton Edmeston,	W. Master.

25	Ionic,	Bro. Frederick John Charles Cox,	S. Warden
26	Moose Jaw,	W.·. Bro. William Edward Fisher,	W. Master.
		Bro. William Carter Sanders,	S. Warden.
27	Glenwood,	M.·. W.·. Bro. James Alexander Ovas,	Proxy.
28	Bow River,	W.·. Bro. Ernest Clemow Powell,	Proxy.
29	Carberry,	W.·. Bro. Eustace Cope,	W. Master.
31	Medicine Hat,	R.·. W.·. Bro. William Crawford,	Proxy.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley,	Bro. John Archibald McDonald,	S. Warden.
33	Indian Head,	W.·. Bro. Frank Leys MacKay,	W. Master.
		Bro. John Wesley Kemp,	J. Warden.
34	Qu'Appelle,	W.·. Bro. John Perkins Jones,	W. Master.
		Bro. William George Vicars,	S. Warden.
35	Moosomin,	R.·. W.·. Bro. John McGuirl,	Proxy.
36	Doric,	R.·. W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt,	Proxy.
37	Alberta,	V.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Nathaniel Wilson,	Proxy.
40	Deloraine,	R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton,	Proxy.
43	Lebanon,	W.·. Bro. Sidney Edward Lang,	W. Master.
45	Spitzie,	R.·. W.·. Bro. William George Scott,	Proxy.
49	Temple,	W.·. Bro. William Taylor Speed,	W. Master.
52	Hartney,	W.·. Bro. William Hopkins,	Proxy.
53	Edmonton,	M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed,	Proxy.
56	Maple Leaf,	V.·. W.·. Bro. William Barnwell,	W. Master.
57	Evening Star,	Bro. Robert Andrew Copeland,	S. Warden.
		Bro. James William Jones,	J. Warden.
60	Perfection,	W.·. Bro. Ernest Clemow Powell,	W. Master.
61	North-West Mounted Police,	W.·. Bro. Henry Thomas Ayre,	W. Master.
62	Russell,	V.·. W.·. Bro. John Snowden Brayfield,	Proxy.
64	Composite,	Bro. William Dickson,	S. Warden.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
Chairman.

On motion of R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by W.·. Bro. Archibald B. Gillis (47), the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers : M.·.W.·. Bros. Thomas Tweed (31), James A. Ovas (27), and Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), when the election proceeded with the following results :

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40), Deloraine, Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), Winnipeg, Grand Senior Warden.
W.·. Bro. Samuel Bell Jameson (23), Regina, Grand Junior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
W.·. Bro. James Albert Sutherland (57), Broadview, Grand Registrar.
Bro. Rev. John William Muirhead (47), Whitewood, Grand Chaplain.
And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master :

V.·.W.·. Bro. Marshall Lawrie (8), Morris, First Masonic District.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11), Mekewin, Second Masonic District.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Alan McKenzie Stewart (13), Morden, Fourth Masonic District.
V.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Montgomery Robinson (19), Brandon, Sixth Masonic District.

W.·. Bro. Charles Oscar Davidson (16), Prince Albert, Seventh Masonic District.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin (33), Indian Head, Eighth Masonic District.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown (28), Calgary, Ninth Masonic District.

V.·.W.·. Bro. William Barnwell (56), Maple Creek, Tenth Masonic District.

There being no Representatives or Past Masters present from the Third and Fifth Masonic Districts, the Grand Master elect subsequently appointed the following brethren as District Deputy Grand Masters:

W.·. Bro. Charles James Crawley (63), Holland, Third Masonic District.

W.·. Bro. Robert Percy Crookshank (15), Rapid City, Fifth Masonic District.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments :

W.·. Bro. Archibald B. Gillies (47), Whitewood, Grand Senior Deacon.

W.·. Bro. Archibald Wesley Hooper (2), Selkirk, Grand Junior Deacon.

V.·.W.·. Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin (10), Winnipeg, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W.·. Bro. William Taylor Speed (49), Austin, Grand Organist.

W.·. Bro. Newton Edmeston (24), Neepawa, Grand Steward.

W.·. Bro. John Thomson (3), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.

W.·. Bro. Alexander Brechin (26), Moose Jaw, Grand Steward.

W.·. Bro. Edward Ainslie Braithwaite (53), Edmonton, Grand Steward.

W.·. Bro. James Dillon (32), Qu'Appelle, Grand Steward.

W.·. Bro. John Perkins Jones (34), Qu'Appelle Station, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Edward Jones Wright (37), Macleod, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. Eustace Herbert Cope (29), Carberry, Grand Steward.
W.·. Bro. William Hopkins (52), Hartney, Grand Pursuivant.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Grand Master appointed the following brethren as members of the Nominating Committee, to select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees:

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31).
M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27).
R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40).
R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1).
R.·.W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10).
R.·.W.·. Bro. Hugh Urquhart Bain (16).
V.·.W.·. Bro. John Snowden Brayfield (19).
W.·. Bro. James Montgomery (35).
W.·. Bro. Edward Ainslie Braithwaite (53)
W.·. Bro. Sidney Edward Lang (43)
W.·. Bro. Newton Edmeston (24).
W.·. Bro. Archibald B. Gillis (47).

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Nominating Committee reported, recommending the following Standing Committees:

On Jurisprudence.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), M.·.W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Hill Myers (14).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

M.·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), R.·.W.·. Bro. John James McFadden (24), R.·. W.·. Bro. Francis G. Lewin (35), R.·. W.·. Bro. William Geo. Scott (1), W.·. Bro. Sidney Edward Lang (43).

ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton (6), R.·. W.·. Bro. James Duncan Baine (36), R.·.W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black (4), R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40), R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. Charles R. Littler (2).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M.·.W.·. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara (1), M.·.W.·. Bro. David James Goggin (10), R.·.W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin (33), V.·.W.·. Bro. Herbert Hanks Goulter (43), V.·.W.·. Bro. Archibald B. Gillis (47).

ON BENEVOLENCE.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10), R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11), R.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. F. Carruthers (1), R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), V.·.W.·. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin (10).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R.·.W.·. Bro. William Crawford (31), W.·. Bro. John Robert Jones (10), R.·. W.·. Bro. William Fenwick (64), R.·.W.·. Bro. George William Baker (10), W.·. Bro. Findlay M. Young (50).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Willard Cooke Copeland (25), R.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Stephen Proctor (31), W.·. Bro. John Robert Grant (10), R.·.W.·. Bro. James Edwin Maynard (40), W.·. Bro. William Lindsay (12).

ON FINANCE.

R.·.W.·. Bro. William E. Hazley (3), R.·.W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), R.·.W.·. Bro. James George Dagg (2), V.·.W.·. Bro. William Braden (4), V.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Henry Enderton (3).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master elect, R.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees:

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13) (Convener), M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10), V.·.W.·. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Alexander James Belch (4) (Convener), R.·.W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts (10), V.·.W.·. Bro. Duncan W. McDermid (1).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1) (Convener), R.·.W.·. Bro. Edgar William Rugg (3), W.·. Bro. John Robert Grant (10).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. William John Garton (6) (Convener), R.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), W. Bro. Joseph Greenfield (1).

ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. Samuel P. Matheson (10) (Convener), M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), M.·.W.·. Bro. George Black (2), M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), M.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Napier Bell (1), M.·.W.·. Bro. William George Bell (3), M ·.W.·. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), M.·.W.·. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), M.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35), R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), R.·.W.·. Bro. John Walter Harris (4), R.·.W.·. Bro. Simon Duffin (3), R.·.W.·. Bro. James Henderson (3), R.·. W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1), R.·.W.·. Bro. George Frederick Carruthers (1), W.·. Bro. Hon. Daniel H. McMillan (1), W.·. Bro. Hon. David Marr Walker (1).

ON CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1) (Convener), V.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas William Taylor (4), W.·. Bro. W. A. Ducker (25).

AUDITORS.

R.·.W.·. Bro. James Thompson Black (4), R.·.W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley (3).

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., until 2 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 15th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

M.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

RANK OF PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

On motion of M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. David J. Goggin (10), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master, conferred on the following brethren:

R.·.W.·. Bro. William Edward Hazley (3), Winnipeg.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11), Mekewin.
R.·.W.·. Bro. John Lorne Campbell (54), Melita.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William Fenwick (64), Alexander.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Frederick Stephen Proctor (32), Fort Qu'Appelle.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Isaac Stephen Gerow Van Wart (60), Calgary.
R.·.W.·. Bro. George Canning Ives (45), Macleod.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·.W.·. Bros. George B. Murphy, Thomas Tweed, James Alexander Ovas and David James Goggin:

R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Stirton Thornton (40), Deputy Grand Master.

R.·.W.·. Bro. William Andrew Windatt (3), Grand Senior Warden.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Samuel Bell Jameson (23), Grand Junior Warden.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11), D. D. Grand Master, Second Masonic District.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Montgomery Robinson (19), D. D. Grand Master, Sixth Masonic District.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin (33), D. D. Grand Master, Eighth Masonic District.

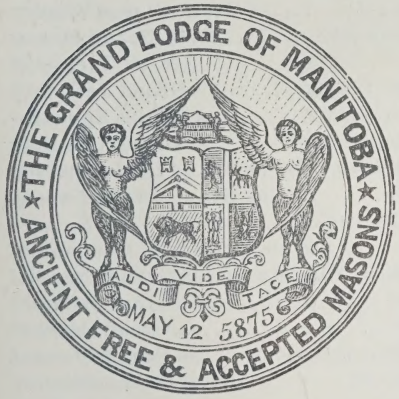
R.·.W.·. Bro. William Barnwell (56), D. D. Grand Master, Ninth Masonic District.

R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1), Grand Secretary.

R.·.W.·. Bro. James Albert Sutherland (57), Grand Registrar.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twenty-Fourth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 3.30 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by M.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Acting Grand Chaplain.



Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

An Especial Communication of the M.·.W.·.Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, on Thursday, July 13th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 9 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT :

M.·.W.·. Bro. George B. Murphy (35).....Grand Master
R.·.W.·. Bro. Herman Joseph Eberts (10).....as Deputy Grand Master
" " " William Andrew Windatt (3)..... ..Grand Senior Warden
" " " William Fenwick (64)..... ....as Grand Junior Warden
" " " Harry Herbert Campkin (33). .....D. D. Grand Master
" " " John McKechnie (1).....Grand Treasurer
" " " William George Scott (1).....Grand Secretary
" " " William Cooke Copeland (25).....as Grand Registrar
" " " Rev. John William Muirhead (47) .....as Grand Chaplain
V.·.W.·. Bro. Arthur Walter Ross Markley (3)..as Grand Senior Deacon
" " " John Cameron Saul (1).....as Grand Junior Deacon
" " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10).....
as Grand Director of Ceremonies
" " " Laurence Henry Jackson Minchin (10), as Grand Organist
" " " Robert Hill Myers (14) ....as Grand Steward
" " Norman Brownell (25)..... .....as Grand Steward
" " " John Snowden Brayfield (19).....as Grand Steward
" " William Taylor Speed (49).....as Grand Steward
" " John Thomson (3)..... . . ..as Grand Steward
" " Alexander McDonagh (62).....as Grand Steward
" " James Albert Wright (36).....as Grand Steward

" " " Andrew Rutherford (13) ..... as Grand Steward.
R.·. " " " Alexander James Belch (4) ..... as Grand Pursuivant
" " " John McBride (1) ..... Grand Tyler

Past Grand Officers.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1) ..... Past Grand Master
" " " William George Bell (3) ..... Past Grand Master.
" " " Charles Napier Bell (1) ..... Past Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Robinson (10) ..... Past Grand Master.
R.·. " " " William George Scott (1) ..... Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " John Leslie (1) ..... Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Herman Joseph Eberts (10) ... Past Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Roderick McCuaig (7) ..... Past Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Alexander James Belch (4) ... Past Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25) ..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " George William Baker (10) ..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Frederick Stephen Proctor (32) ..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " William Fenwick (64) ..... P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John Obed Smith (1) ..... Past Grand Registrar.
" " " Edgar William Rugg (3) ..... Past Grand Registrar.

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges:

Arkansas ..... R.·.W.·. Bro. Roderick McCuaig.
Connecticut ..... " " " George William Baker.
Delaware ..... " " " Alexander James Belch.
England ..... M.·. " " Thomas Robinson.
Illinois ..... R.·. " " John Leslie.
Ireland ..... " " " William George Scott.
Maine ..... " " " Robert Stirton Thornton.
Michigan ..... " " " John McKechnie.
Minnesota ..... V.·. " " Thomas William Taylor.
Mississippi ..... M.·. " " William George Bell.
Montana ..... R.·. " " Herman Joseph Eberts.
Nova Scotia ..... M.·. " " James Dallas O'Meara.
Ohio ..... R.·. " " Willard Cooke Copeland.
Scotland ..... M.·. " " William George Bell.
South Carolina ..... R.·. " " William Andrew Windatt.
Tennessee ..... " " " Harry Herbert Campkin.
Utah ..... M.·. " " George B. Murphy.
Virginia ..... V.·. " " Robert Hill Myers.
West Virginia ..... R.·. " " William Fenwick.
Wisconsin ..... V.·. " " William Braden.

Past Masters :

R.·.W.·. Bro. William George Scott (1)
" " " John McKechnie (1)
M.·. " " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1)
" " " Charles Napier Bell (1)
R.·. " " John Obed Smith (1)
" " " John Leslie (1)
V.·. " " John Cameron Saul (1)
" " Duncan Windell McDermid (1)
M.·. " " William George Bell (3)
R.·. " " William Andrew Windatt (3)
V.·. " " Arthur Walter Ross Markley (3)
R.·. " " Edgar William Rugg (3)
" " " Alexander James Belch (4)
V.·. " " Thomas William Taylor (4)
" " " William Braden (4)
" " Samuel Gibson Getty Thompson (4)
" " Humphrey Hart (4)
" " Angus Grant (4)
R.·. " " Roderick McCuaig (7)
V.·. " " Marshall Lawrie (8)
M.·. " " Thomas Robinson (10)
R.·. " " George William Baker (10)
V.·. " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10)
" " John Robert Grant (10)
V.·. " " Alan McKenzie Stewart (13)
" " " Robert Hill Myers (14)
" " Robert Percy Crookshank (15)
R.·. " " Rev. James Flett (16)
V.·. " " John Snowden Brayfield (19)
R.·. " " Willard Cooke Copeland (25)
" " Norman Brownell (25)
R.·. " " Frederick Stephen Proctor (32)
V.·. " " Harry Herbert Campkin (33)
M.·. " " George B. Murphy (35)
" " John Tucker (35)
" " James Albert Wright (36)
" " Frederick Arthur Dean Bourke (38)
R.·. " " Robert Stirton Thornton (40)
" " Sidney Edward Lang (43)

W.·. Bro. Rev. John William Muirhead (47)
" " William Taylor Speed (49)
" " Rev. Horace David Cooper (63
R.·. " " William Fenwick (64)
V.·. " " Joseph Cornell (67)

AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING LODGES:

1. Prince Rupert's.....	Bro.	Geoffrey Henry Walker	S. Warden
2. Lisgar.....	"	Edward Osborne Whealler	S. Warden
3. Ancient Landmark..W.·.	"	David McIntosh	W. Master
13. Belmont..... "	"	Andrew Rutherford	W. Master
35. Moosomin..... "	"	Joseph Thomas Johnston	W. Master
54. Oriental..... "	"	Charles Prior Estlin	W. Master
62. Russell..... "	"	Alexander McDonagh	W. Master

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by Bro. Rev. John William Muirhead, Grand Chaplain.

The M.·.W.·. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons, in good standing, as visitors.

The Grand Master announced that the Special Communication had been called for the purpose of installing the Grand Master and other Grand Officers elect, who had been unable to attend the Annual Communication, and for the transaction of such other business as could properly be transacted at an Especial Communication.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of sister Grand Lodges presented their commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the M.·.W.·. Grand Master:

M.·.W.·. Bro. William George Bell, from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Roderick McQuaig, from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Hill Myers, from the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

These distinguished brethren acknowledged in suitable terms the cordial reception accorded them by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The following elective Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M.·.W.·. Bros. George B. Murphy, Thomas Robinson, William George Bell, and Charles Napier Bell:

M.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie (1).....Grand Master
R.·.W.·. Bro. John McKechnie (1)..... .....Grand Treasurer
" " " Marshall Lawrie (8)..... ....D. D. Grand Master First Masonic District
" " " Alan McKenzie Stewart (13).....D. D. Grand Master Fourth Masonic District
" " " Robert Percy Crookshank (15)....D. D. Grand Master Fifth Masonic District
" " " Rev. John William Muirhead (47) ....Grand Chaplain
" John McBride (1)..... Grand Tyler

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

M.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master, announced the following appointments, and those present were duly installed, viz. :

V.·.W.·.Bro. Archibald B. Gillis (47), Whitewood
Grand Senior Deacon
" " " Archibald Wesley Hooper (2), Selkirk
Grand Junior Deacon
" " " John Myles O'Loughlin (10), Winnipeg
Grand Director of Ceremonies
" " " William Taylor Speed (49), Austin....Grand Organist
" " " Newton Edmeston (24), Neepawa.....Grand Steward
" " " John Thomson (3), Winnipeg.....Grand Steward
" " " Alexander Brechin (26), Moose Jaw...Grand Steward
" " " Edward Ainslie Braithwaite (53), Edmonton
Grand Steward
" " " James Dillon (32), Fort Qu'Appelle...Grand Steward
" " " John Perkins Jones (34), Qu'Appelle..Grand Steward
" " " Edward James Wright (37), Macleod .Grand Steward
" " " Eustace Herbert Cope (29), Carberry..Grand Steward
" " " William Hopkins (52), Hartney.....Grand Pursuivant

PRESENTATION TO M.·. W.·. BRO. THOMAS ROBINSON.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication, M.·.W.·. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.·.W.·. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain collar.

In making the presentation M.·. W.·. Bro. O'Meara said :

Every brother in our jurisdiction knows of the long and distinguished services of M.·.W.·. Bro. Robinson as President of the Board of

General Purposes, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and in the various other positions he has been called upon to fill. Elected to the honorable and responsible office of Grand Master, he has performed the onerous duties of that position with zeal and discretion, thus giving to the brethren an example of fidelity that they should ever keep in remembrance. He has, by his unvarying kindness and courtesy earned the esteem and appreciation of the brethren of the entire jurisdiction. The Reverend Brother expressed the hope that the distinguished recipient might long be spared to unite with his brethren in the duties and pleasures of the Annual Communications, and that he might continue to give the brethren the benefit of his long experience, his great knowledge and ever active sympathy in all that is noble and elevating in our Fraternity.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Robinson in reply said:

It became his duty to endeavor to the best of his ability to thank the Grand Lodge for the handsome testimonial which had just been presented to him, the brethren present for their kind and cordial reception, and the M.·.W.·. Grand Master and M.·.W.·. Bro. Dean O'Meara for the complimentary remarks made with reference to his humble services. He would be sorry if, through lack of eloquence, he should fail to adequately thank them for their kindness and generosity. Bro. O'Meara had alluded in a very complimentary manner to the part he had taken in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and also to the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Grand Master. He could assure them that he was proud to have been numbered amongst the rulers of the Craft, and it was gratifying to find, after his long connection with the Grand Lodge, that he had not only earned their approval, but had also gained their friendship and good will. So far as the present position of Grand Lodge was concerned, he thought too much credit could not be given to his predecessors, for they had worked together with the same object—to promote the best interests and welfare of the Craft. He could assure them that in future he would take a great interest in the welfare of the Grand Lodge, and would always be ready to assist in advancing its interests. He again thanked the Grand Lodge for the splendid testimonial, and hoped the brethren would never have cause

to speak of him in other than kindly terms, such as had been extended to him that evening.

THANKS TO ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 4.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin (33), seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. John S. Brayfield (19), and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to St. John's Lodge No. 4 for its kindness in waiving its right to the Masonic Hall on the evening of its regular monthly meeting, to enable the Grand Lodge to hold this Especial Communication.

THANKS TO WINNIPEG LODGES.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert S. Thornton (40), seconded by M.·.W.·. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, St. John's Lodge No. 4, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, and Ionic Lodge No. 25 for their kindness in entertaining the members and visiting brethren.

ADDRESSES BY VISITING BRETHREN.

Eloquent addresses were delivered by Bro. F. Bell Smith, of Toronto, and R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Milner, of Chatham.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Especial Communication was closed in *ample form* at 10 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.·. W.·. Bro. Rev. John William Muirhead, Grand Chaplain.

Wm. G. Scott

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

First Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Marshall Lawrie, *Morris.*

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg
"	6—Emerson	Emerson
"	8—King Solomon	Morris
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg
"	55—East Star	Gretna

Second Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor, *Mekewin.*

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa
"	49—Temple	McGregor
"	68—Vermillion	Dauphin

Third Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles James Crawley, *Holland.*

No.	9—Oakland	Carman
"	48—Glenboro	Glenboro
"	51—Treherne	Treherne
"	63—Holland	Holland
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa
	—Shiloh	Roland

Fourth Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Alan McKenzie Stewart, *Morden.*

No. 13—Belmont ..... Morden
" 30—Manitou ..... Manitou
" 36—Doric ..... Boissevain
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine
" 50—Killarney ..... Killarney
" 54—Oriental ..... Melita
—Crystal ..... Crystal City

Fifth Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Percy Crookshank, *Rapid City.*

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City
" 39—Birtle ..... Birtle
" 62—Russell ..... Russell

Sixth Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Joseph Montgomery Robinson, *Brandon.*

No. 19—Brandon ..... Brandon
" 27—Glenwood ..... Souris
" 29—Carberry ..... Carberry
" 43—Lebanon ..... Virden
" 44—Oak Lake ..... Oak Lake
" 52—Hartney ..... Hartney
" 64—Composite ..... Alexander

Seventh Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Charles Oscar Davidson, *Prince Albert.*

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert
" 38—Battle ..... Battleford

Eighth Masonic District.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin, *Indian Head.*

No. 23—Wascana ..... Regina
" 26—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle

No. 33—Indian Head ..... Indian Head
" 34—Qu'Appelle ..... Qu'Appelle
" 35—Moosomin ..... Moosomin
" 47—Ashlar ..... Whitewood
" 57—Evening Star ..... Grenfell
" 61—North-West Mounted Police ..... Regina
" 69—Yorkton ..... Yorkton

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. BRO. EUGENE NELSON BROWN, *Calgary*,

No. 28—Bow River ..... Calgary
" 42—Cascade ..... Anthracite
" 53—Edmonton ..... Edmonton
" 58—Innisfail ..... Innisfail
" 60—Perfection ..... Calgary
" 65—Eureka ..... Lacombe
" 66—Acacia ..... South Edmonton

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D.D.G.M.—R.·.W.·. BRO. WILLIAM BARNWELL, *Maple Creek*.

No. 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat
" 37—Alberta ..... Macleod
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge
" 45—Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek
" 56—Maple Leaf ..... Maple Creek

RECAPITULATION.

First Masonic District	10
Second Masonic District	5
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	7
Fifth Masonic District	4
Sixth Masonic District	7
Seventh Masonic District	2
Eighth Masonic District	10
Ninth Masonic District	7
Tenth Masonic District	5
Total	63

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. Dec. 27th, 1898.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspened U. M. C.	Died.	Rejected.	Memb'rship 27th Dec. 1897.	Memb'rship 27th Dec. 1898.
1	Prince Rupert	14	16	15	12	7	5	6	....	1	....	175	196
2	Lisgar	5	5	5	....	3	1	4	....	....	1	55	58
3	Ancient Landmark	12	13	9	1	3	7	4	....	3	1	180	182
4	St. John's	8	10	9	1	1	4	7	....	2	1	134	131
6	Emerson	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	....	....	....	37	39
7	Assiniboine	3	3	3	1	1	4	....	....	....	....	70	71
8	King Solomon	5	3	1	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	39	46
9	Oakland	4	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	45	47
10	Northern Light	3	3	6	6	....	1	....	....	....	....	69	77
11	Gladstone	....	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	30	29
12	Stonewall	3	3	2	3	1	1	2	....	....	....	26	30
13	Belmont	3	4	5	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	90	93
14	Prince of Wales	3	4	5	1	....	4	1	....	2	....	53	50
15	Corinthian	....	2	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	33	32
16	Kinistino	4	2	1	1	....	2	....	....	....	1	50	53
19	Brandon	12	9	6	5	4	11	3	....	2	....	87	92
23	Wascana	3	4	2	....	....	3	....	....	1	....	59	58
24	Neepawa	6	5	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	34	43
25	Ionic	7	8	7	1	....	4	8	....	....	1	104	100
26	Moose Jaw	7	6	5	3	1	3	....	....	....	1	43	51
27	Glenwood	2	5	6	....	2	3	5	....	....	2	41	37
28	Bow River	8	6	5	4	3	5	....	....	1	....	69	78
29	Carberry	3	3	3	2	....	5	....	....	....	....	31	31
30	Manitou	3	3	2	1	....	3	1	....	1	....	33	32
31	Medicine Hat	4	3	3	3	....	1	....	....	1	....	40	45
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	1	1	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	29	30
33	Indian Head	4	5	5	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	37	40

34	Qu'Appelle	4	4	3	....	....	3	1	....	1	1	25	24
35	Moosomin	3	5	5	3	....	1	....	....	....	...	53	58
36	Doric	8	6	6	5	....	2	....	....	....	3	51	62
37	Alberta	9	6	4	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	47	56
38	Battle	....	...	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	27	25
39	Birtle	4	4	4	....	....	5	3	....	1	....	35	30
40	Deloraine	3	5	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	35	40
41	North Star	4	5	5	1	....	1	2	....	1	2	48	49
42	Cascade	8	5	5	2	....	2	5	1	1	1	39	40
43	Lebanon	5	4	3	....	....	..	....	....	1	....	29	33
44	Oak Lake	2	....	....	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	24	28
45	Spitzie	4	4	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	30	33
47	Ashlar	2	2	1	....	....	1	....	....	1	...	24	24
48	Glenboro	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	39	38
49	Temple	9	9	7	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	23	31
50	Killarney	1	1	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	30	30
51	Treherne	3	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	19	21
52	Hartney	9	10	9	1	1	1	....	....	....	3	29	39
53	Edmonton	3	3	4	5	....	2	....	....	....	3	50	56
54	Oriental	6	6	4	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	30	34
55	East Star	5	5	5	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	15	20
56	Maple Leaf	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	20	21
57	Evening Star	7	7	8	...	....	1	....	....	....	....	34	40
58	Innisfail	4	4	3	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	15	17
60	Perfection	3	2	2	4	....	2	....	....	....	....	45	50
61	North-West Mounted Police	4	2	3	....	....	..	....	....	1	....	42	45
62	Russell	13	13	11	....	....	1	....	....	....	3	24	36
63	Holland	7	6	8	....	....	....	....	....	...	1	25	32
64	Composite	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	..	1	26	27
65	Eureka	1	2	1	....	....	2	...	....	1	....	16	14
66	Acacia	1	2	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	18	18
67	Wawanesa	8	7	5	1	....	1	...	....	....	....	10	18
	Vermillion	....	..	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	10
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LODGE DIRECTORY.

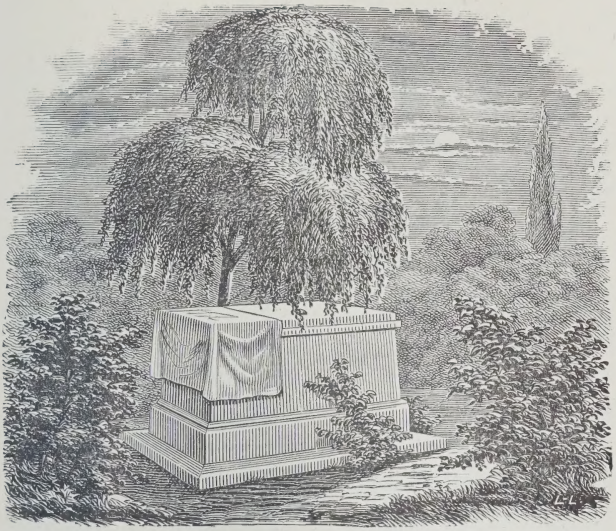
Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Town and Post Office Address.	Municipality.	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Robert Muir	George A. Hargrave	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Selkirk	Manitoba	Archibald W. Hooper	L. S. Vaughan	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	David McIntosh	J. E. Anderson	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	D. A. Sullivan	J. J. Roberts	Second Thursday in each month.
6	Emerson*	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	S. J. Elkin	Rev. W. J. Garton	Thursday on or before full moon.
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	Robert S. Cowie	Leslie Remey	Third Wednesday in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	John C. Badger	R. F. McTavish, MD	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	Richard Kellett	Wm. J. Hemenway	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	J. R. Jones, M.D.	William Hill	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	Thomas L. Morton	John Ferguson	Monday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	Alex. R. Leonard	Thomas Ramsay	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	Andrew Rutherford	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursday on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	J. Franklin Boyd	S. L. Taylor	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Peter R. Greig	Edward Peplow	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatchewan	John McTaggart	James Stewart	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	Wm. A. Lang	Henry L. Adolph	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	Alex. Shepphard	T. W. Peart	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	Newton Edmeston	John T. Yeats	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Herbert Radford	W. C. Copeland	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	Wm. E. Fisher	E. H. Moorhouse	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Glenwood	Manitoba	John A. Taylor	James A. Ovas	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	Geo. Macdonald	Wm. Douche	Second Monday in each month.
29	Carberry	Carberry	North Cypress	Manitoba	Eustace H. Cope	Thomas Laidlaw	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Pembina	Manitoba	Richard McKenzie	James Herald	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	George A. Luno	Thomas C. Blatchford	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley*	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	J. A. Macdonald	Robert Williams	Tuesday on or after full moon.

33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	Frank L. Mackay	H. H. Campkin	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Station		Assiniboia	John P. Jones	Frederick Bell	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	Joseph T. Johnston	John Smithers	Wednesday on or before full moon
36	Doric*	Boissevain	Morton	Manitoba	R. J. Hurt	J. D. Baine	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
37	Alberta*	Macleod		Alberta	D. L. Murison	R. G. Mathews	Wednesday on or before full moon
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatchewan	E. Matheson	J. R. Michael	First Wednesday in each month
39	Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	Wm. B. Chapman	James A. Johnstone	Second Monday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Manitoba	Wm. R. David	D. J. Wright	Wednesday on or before full moon
41	North Star*	Lethbridge		Alberta	Thomas McNabb	G. W. Robinson	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Anthracite		Alberta	H. J. Richardson	Hamilton Lang	Thursday on or before full moon.
43	Lebanon*	Virden	Wallace	Manitoba	R. E. Trumbell	W. F. Scarth	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake*	Oak Lake	Sifton	Manitoba	John Taylor	T. B. Mitchell	Thursday on or before full moon.
45	Spitzie*	Pincher Creek		Alberta	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	H. E. Hyde	Friday on or before full moon.
47	Ashlar*	Whitewood		Assiniboia	J. H. Knowler	R. Goldschmidt	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	South Cypress	Manitoba	Wm. Noble	F. T. Axford	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor	North Norfolk	Manitoba	Wm. T. Speed	Frank M. Berry	Wednesday on or after full moon
50	Killarney*	Killarney	Turtle Mountain	Manitoba	Johnathan Lindsay	J. M. Baldwin	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	South Norfolk	Manitoba	Alexander McNeil	Rev. A.W. Goulding	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Cameron	Manitoba	Wm. H. Galbraith	Wm. F. Hopkins	Tuesday on or before full moon.
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	E. D. Grierson	John R. Boyle	Third Thursday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	C. P. Estlin	George A. Bell	Friday on or before full moon.
55	East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	J. D. Tomkins	Norman T. Lee	Wednesday on or before full moon
56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	Wm. Barnwell	John Dickson	Thursday on or before full moon.
57	Evening Star	Grenfell		Assiniboia	Edward FitzGerald	Andrew W. Argue	Tuesday on or after full moon.
58	Innisfail	Innisfail		Alberta	Henry M. Douglas	Robert M. Archer	Third Thursday in each month.
60	Perfection	Calgary		Alberta	E. C. Powell	John T. Macdonald.	Third Tuesday in each month.
61	North-West M't'd Police	Regina		Assiniboia	Henry T. Ayre	H. W. Benson	First Thursday in each month.
62	Russell	Russell	Russell	Manitoba	Alexander McDonagh	E. A. Struthers	Wednesday on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland	South Norfolk	Manitoba	Neil McIvor	David W. Banks	Wednesday on or before full moon
64	Composite	Alexander	Whitehead	Manitoba	Joseph Birtles	William Fenwick	Thursday on or before full moon.
65	Eureka	Lacombe		Alberta	Geo. W. Streeter	C. S. Ching	First Wednesday in each month.
66	Acacia	South Edmonton		Alberta	Thomas F. English	D. S. MacKenzie	Second Thursday in each month.
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	Oakland	Manitoba	Joseph Cornell	Frank O. Fowler	Monday on or before full moon.
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	Dauphin	Manitoba	T. A. Burrows	E. Widmeyer	First Tuesday in each month.
69	Yorkton	Yorkton		Assiniboia	Ezra A. Healy	C. E. D. Becher	Thursday on or before full moon.
UD	Shiloh	Roland	Dufferin	Manitoba	Frank Manning	C. F. Boardman	Thursday on or after full moon.
UD	Crystal	Crystal City	Louise	Manitoba	Wm. Cranston	W. G. Duff	Tuesday on or before full moon.

DEATHS 25—21 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Joseph Hursell	14 February, 1898	Prince Rupert's	1
Andrew Grant	7 June, 1898	Ancient Landmark	3
John Chambers	24 July, 1898	Ancient Landmark	3
Frank Alanson Fairchild	6 October, 1898	Ancient Landmark	3
James F. Thomson	3 February, 1898	St. John's	4
James Stewart Nicholson	22 August, 1898	St. John's	4
John Chambers	24 July, 1898	Gladstone	11
Francis Frederick Burke	24 April, 1898	Prince of Wales	14
Harvey Charles David Banister	31 May, 1898	Prince of Wales	14
William Stewart Moody	26 May, 1898	Brandon	19
John Burton	2 July, 1898	Brandon	19
John Secord	11 December, 1898	Wascana	23
James Alexander McMillan	25 November, 1898	Bow River	28
William Thomas Banford	9 August, 1898	Manitou	30
James Peter Mitchell	8 February, 1898	Medicine Hat	31
Angus Raymond	24 September, 1898	Qu'Appelle	34
Charles Murdock	18 November, 1898	Alberta	37
Henry Gardiner Chambers	24 July, 1898	Birtle	39
William Stevenson McLean	31 October, 1898	North Star	41
Hascall Ransford	14 February, 1898	Cascade	42
Barnabus Haynes Cameron	22 October, 1898	Lebanon	43
George Stokes	16 March, 1998	Ashlar	47
John Wilson	29 May, 1898	Treherne	51
Harry Willoughby Still	13 October, 1898	Maple Leaf	56
Frederick Smith	4 June, 1898	North-West Mounted Police	61
James Mair	13 May, 1898	Eureka	65



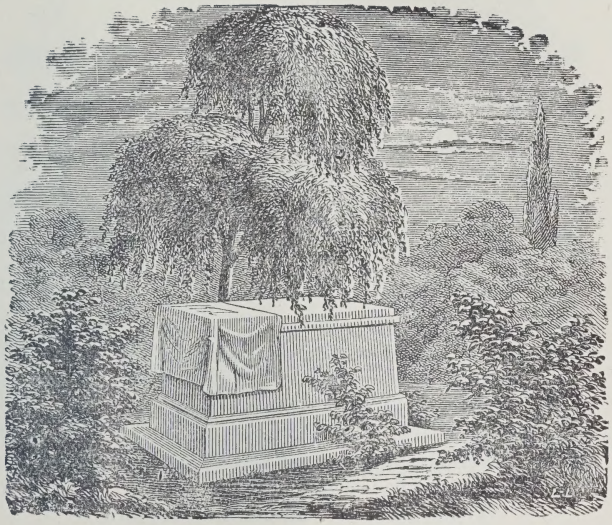
In Memory

of the

Twenty-five Brethren of the Twenty-one Lodges
whose deaths have been reported during
the Masonic year ending
Dec. 27, 1898.

"Among the dead our brothers sleep,
Their lives were rounded true and well:
And love in bitter sorrow weeps
Above their dark and silent cell.

No pain, no anxious, sleepless fear
Invades their house; no mortal woes
Their narrow resting place comes near
To trouble their serene repose."



In Memory

of the

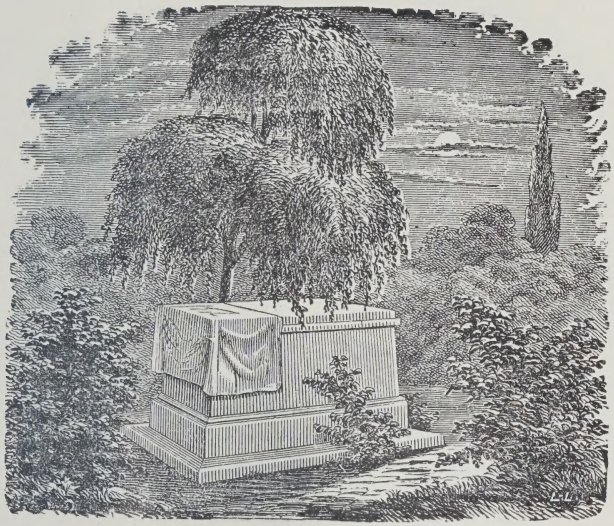
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

Sister Grand Lodges.

"Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the broken string
Is set in friendship's crown above."

As narrow grows the earthly chain,
The circle widens in the sky;
These are our treasures that remain,
But those are stars that beam on high."



In Memoriam.

R.·.W.·. BRO. JOHN COTTON,

Past Master of Battle Lodge No. 38,
Battleford, Saskatchewan.

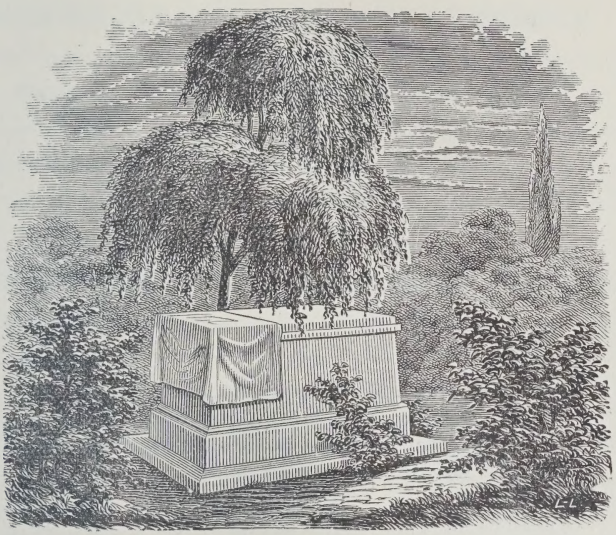
District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6.

Born at Quebec, October 19th, 1853.

Died at Battleford, Saskatchewan, May 7th, 1899.

"To tell the story of a well-spent life
The Mason true builds his own monument:
But not of bronze, nor yet of marble white;
These soon are gone.

A richer life is then his monument,
Which through the ages grander will become,
As it more fully breathes his spirit, and is spent
To help and bless mankind."



In Memoriam.

R.·.W.·. Bro. JOHN CHAMBERS

Past Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge
No. 3, Winnipeg.
Past Grand Registrar.

Born at Streetsville, Ontario, August 14th, 1854.

Died at Shoal Lake, July 24th, 1898.

"He was a Mason true and good,
Sincere in friendship, ready in relief,
Discreet in trusts, faithful in brotherhood,
Gentle in sympathy, kind in grief."

"In death's long sleep, sweet friend, sleep on,
Ere long we too the shadowy land may tread,
And ere the resurrection morn shall dawn,
May greet your spirit "mongst the sacred dead."

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Peter Edward Blakey	27 October, 1898..	Cascade	42

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Elgin Adams Blakely....	15 March, 1898 ...	Prince Rupert's	1
Joseph Snow Carter (E.A.)	15 March, 1898 ...	Prince Rupert's	1
James Hooper.....	15 March, 1898 ...	Prince Rupert's	1
William Hunter.....	15 March, 1898 ...	Prince Rupert's	1
John Sanfield Reid	15 March, 1898 ...	Prince Rupert's . ..	1
John Alexander Rowe	15 March, 1898 ..	Prince Rupert's	1
Francis Ritchie Gemmel.	2 May, 1898 ...	Lisgar	2
George Patterson.....	2 May, 1898	Lisgar	2
George Fred'k Robinson..	2 May, 1898	Lisgar	2
Charles Cuthbert Stewart.	2 May, 1898	Lisgar	2
John Samuel Douglas	9 May, 1898	Ancient Landmark.	3
Samuel Samson Kennon..	9 May, 1898	Ancient Landmark.	3
Edward John Black	9 May, 1898	Ancient Landmark.	3
James Humphries.....	9 May, 1898	Ancient Landmark.	3
William Bell.....	1 June, 1898.....	St. John's	4
Peter Lamb.....	1 June, 1898.	St. John's	4
William Lamb.....	1 June, 1898	St. John's	4
Caleb George Pedlar.....	1 June, 1898.....	St. John's	4
Thomas Ritchie	1 June, 1898... ..	St. John's	4
Clement Williams	1 June, 1898.....	St. John's	4
Samuel James Youhill	1 June, 1898.....	St. John's	4
John Carmichael	2 June, 1898	Emerson	6
Herbert Dransfield.....	8 March, 1898	Stonewall	12
George Edwards.....	8 March, 1898	Stonewall	12
Edward Hugh Douglas ...	6 May, 1898	Prince of Wales	14
Francis Wood Shaw	13 December, 1898	Brandon	19
Thomas Shirley...	13 December, 1898	Brandon	19
Hugh LeMesurier Vinning	13 December, 1898	Brandon	19
Thomas Brooks Ferguson	6 May, 1898	Ionic	25
William John Gibson .. .	6 May, 1898	Ionic	25
Thomas William Graveley	6 May, 1898	Ionic.....	25
Lachlan D. McPherson..	6 May, 1898	Ionic.....	25

Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues—Continued.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
John Franklin Reade	6 May, 1898	Ionic	25
George Buchanan	4 November, 1898	Ionic	25
William Moore Corbett	4 November, 1898	Ionic	25
Henry Wiles	4 November, 1898	Ionic	25
John Albert Burke	3 June, 1898	Glenwood	27
Alexander Burr	3 June, 1898	Glenwood	27
Kenneth Campbell	3 June, 1898	Glenwood	27
Frank Peterson	3 June, 1898	Glenwood	27
George Stott	3 June, 1898	Glenwood	27
William Nelson Denike	6 May, 1898	Manitou	30
Ralph Edward Smith	8 March, 1898	Qu'Appelle	34
William Hope Hay	9 May, 1898	Birtle	39
Hugh Henry H. Gough	9 May, 1898	Birtle	39
James Bandwell Pentland	9 May, 1898	Birtle	39
John Joseph Mountford	13 June, 1898	North Star	41
Abraham Alfred Pratt	13 June, 1898	North Star	41
James Carroll	25 August, 1898	Cascade	42
Leonard Crowe Fulmer	29 September, 1898	Cascade	42
Thomas Arthur Harrington	25 August, 1898	Cascade	42
Peter Ross	25 August, 1898	Cascade	42
Edward Lincoln Smith	25 August, 1898	Cascade	42
Daniel McLaren	2 June, 1898	Oak Lake	44
Thomas Goodsby Webster	20 September, 1898	Spitzie	45

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Joseph Snow Carter (E.A.)	17 May, 1898	Prince Rupert's	1
William Hunter	17 May, 1898	Prince Rupert's	1
Charles Wm. N. Kennedy	15 February, 1898	Prince Rupert's	1
William Glover Shera	15 February, 1898	Prince Rupert's	1
Arthur Henry Eaton	17 March, 1891	Prince Rupert's	1
James Graham Harvey, jr.	15 November, 1898	Prince Rupert's	1
William Duncan Scott	18 October, 1898	Prince Rupert's	1
GeorgeFrederick Robinson	6 June, 1898	Lisgar	2
Francis Ritchie Gemmell	4 July, 1898	Lisgar	2
Andrew Maxwell	3 January, 1898	Lisgar	2
Maxwell Stephenson Inglis	13 June, 1898	Ancient Landmark	3
Robert Little	14 November, 1898	Ancient Landmark	3
Kenneth McLean	11 July, 1898	Ancient Landmark	3
Alexander McGowan	5 January, 1898	St. John's	4
Reuben Steves	5 May, 1898	Emerson	6
Roland C. Brown	16 November, 1898	Assiniboine	7
Celsus Orton	6 September, 1898	King Solomon	8
Montague Banks	27 December, 1898	Stonewall	12
Joseph Henry Brown	12 July, 1898	Brandon	19
Philip E. Durst	12 July, 1898	Brandon	19
Levi Stockton	8 November, 1898	Brandon	19
Edward Fuller Lang	12 July, 1898	Brandon	19
William Dignam Palmer	13 September, 1898	Moose Jaw	26
Thomas Corril Coggs	1 April, 1898	Glenwood	27
William Albert King	4 March, 1898	Glenwood	27
James Votier	14 February, 1898	Bow River	28
Francis Pyman	8 August, 1898	Bow River	28
James Stuart McKenzie	8 August, 1898	Bow River	28
Alexander Douglas	24 November, 1898	Oak Lake	44
Joseph William Barter	25 October, 1898	Hartney	52

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

When Elected.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Senior Wardens.	Grand Junior Wardens.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.	Grand Registrars.	Grand Chaplains.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke.	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. John Kennedy.	*John H. Bell ..	‡H. T. Champion.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	James Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson ..	G. F. Newcomb	‡J. J. Johnson.....	*John H. Bell ..	J. W. Harris	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb	James Henderson..	John W. Harris.	.....	‡J. J. Johnson	*John H. Bell ..	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	‡J. J. Johnson.....	*John H. Bell ..	* Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris ..	Simon Duffin	R. McQuaig.....	‡J. J. Johnson	*John H. Bell ..	‡James Munroe ..	Rev. James Flett.
1880	*John H. Bell	.....	* Hon. G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor ..	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†D. G. Dick....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†D. B. Murray .	.....	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Jas. Henderson.	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson.	.....	‡J. J. Johnson.....	.....	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	*John H. Bell	†D. B. Murray ...	R. McQuaig...	†John Smith, M.D..	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Wm. G. Scott ..	D. Young, M.D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	*John H. Bell	.....	*Rev. J.M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	‡J. J. Johnson.....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†Wm. Simpson...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	.....	†Alfred Pearson ..	P. McGregor ...	†Thos. Collins	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	*J. W. H. Wilson.	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	†Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor ..	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. G. Bell.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark	John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas .	Wm. G. Bell.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Jas. S. Greig.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell....	R. C. Brown	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Joseph Daniel	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell.....	Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson ..	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	James A. Payne..	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1890	James A. Ovas.....	Wm. G. Bell.....	†T. McPherson .	Fred L. Newman....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell.....	*JohnW.H.Wilson	Rich'd D. Foley	John Leslie	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	James G. Dagg...	Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	*John W. H. Wilson	D J. Goggin	F. G. Lewin....	Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	Wm. A. Windatt..	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thomas Robinson.	Thomas Tweed.	Corbet Locke	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	J. H. Munson....	Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed	Charles N. Bell...	Corbet Locke ...	Hugh U. Bain.....	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell.	Corbet Locke.....	James Leslie...	G. B. Murphy	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	*John Chambers..	Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke.	John Leslie	F. L. Newman..	T. F. English	John McKechnie....	Wm. G. Scott ..	C. N. Mitchell....	Rev. J. W. Matheson.
1897	Thomas Robinson ..	G. B. Murphy....	Rev.W.J. Garton	Wm. Crawford.....	John McKechnie...	Wm. G. Scott ..	J. O. Smith	Rev. Andrew Chisholm.
1898	George B. Murphy .	H. J. Eberts	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt.....	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	Edward W. Rugg.	Rev. C. R. Littler.
1899	John Leslie	R. S. Thornton ...	W. A. Windatt..	S. B. Jameson.....	John McKechnie ...	Wm. G. Scott ..	J. A. Sutherland..	Rev. J. W. Muirhead.

* Dead. † Removed from jurisdiction. ‡ Withdrawn from Masonry.

GRAND OFFICERS.

1899-1900.

M.·.W.·. Bro. John Leslie, Winnipeg ..... Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, Deloraine ....Deputy Grand Master.
R.·.W.·. Bro. William A. Windatt, Winnipeg ...Grand Senior Warden.
R.·.W.·. Bro. Samuel Bell Jameson, Regina . ...Grand Junior Warden.
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Canada	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 6, 1885
British Columbia	James A. Carley	Winnipeg	September 5, 1894
New Brunswick	John McGuirl	Moosomin	April 6, 1899
Nova Scotia	Rev. Jas. D. O'Meara.	Winnipeg	April 20, 1889
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1889
Quebec	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895

From the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg	October 15, 1896
Ireland	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg	October 6, 1890
Scotland	Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg	August 5, 1897

From the United States.

Alabama	James Leslie	Minnedosa	May 17, 1886
Arizona	James A. Payne	Winnipeg	November 30, 1888
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie.	January 5, 1899
California	Fred. Leslie Newman.	Portage la Prairie	Setpember 15, 1892
Colorado	Wm. A. Lang	Brandon	December 30, 1898
Connecticut	George W. Baker	Winnipeg	March 27, 1899
Delaware	Alexander J. Belch	Winnipeg	January 1, 1898
Distr't of Columbia.	Thomas A. Cuddy	Minnedosa	November 27, 1888
Florida	Rev S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	October 4, 1877
Georgia	Thos. Lewis Morton.	Gladstone	April 2, 1887
Idaho	Rev. W. J. Garton	Emerson	July 7, 1897
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas	Souris	January 1, 1895
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Robert S. Thornton	Deloraine	December 29, 1898
Maryland	David H. McFadden	Emerson	January 5, 1899
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	January 30, 1897
Minnesota	Thomas Wm. Taylor	Winnipeg	December 26, 1898
Mississippi	William G. Bell	Winnipeg	February 24, 1885
Missouri	John Franklin Boyd	Minnedosa	February 12, 1891
Montana	Herman J. Eberts	Winnipeg	April 23, 1897
Nebraska	Rich'd Dennis Foley	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada	Corbet Locke	Morden	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	November 17, 1885
New Mexico	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka	November 5, 1879
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	January 30, 1879
North Carolina	William Crawford	Macleod, Alberta	May 5, 1891
North Dakota	Lynds Smith Vaughan	Selkirk	January 5, 1899
Ohio	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon	Alexander L. Young	Souris	December 29, 1898
Rhode Island	James George Dagg	Selkirk	December 8, 1894
South Carolina	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg	March 31, 1891
South Dakota	Herbert H. Goulter	Virden	December 1, 1897
Tennessee	Harry H. Campkin	Indian Head	May 1, 1899
Texas	Henry James Pugh	Virden	April 3, 1899
Utah	George B. Murphy	Moosomin, Assa.	May 20, 1897
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	March 1, 1896
Virginia	Robert Hill Myers	Minnedosa	December 30, 1898
West Virginia	William Fenwick	Alexander	December 29, 1898
Wisconsin	William Braden	Winnipeg	May 22, 1899

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	John McOuat	Stony Mountain	April	14, 1891
New South Wales	Dan'l H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June	24, 1889
New Zealand	Thomas Tweed	Medicine Hat	February	25, 1893
Victoria	Francis G. Lewin	Moosomin	February	14, 1894

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munroe	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	George W. G. Bonner.	Halifax	January 7, 1899
Prince Edw'd Isl'd.	Thomas A. McLean	Charlottetown	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	September 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	Rt. Rev. J. B. Crozier	Dublin	October 25, 1898
Scotland	James Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	Jesse W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alexander G. Oliver	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut	George W. Bentley	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
Dis't of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby	Washington	October 16, 1895
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee	January 6 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	William James Oak	Goodland	March 18, 1898
Iowa	Geo. M. VanLeuven.	Lime Springs	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May 1, 1895
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi	John Rice	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	Salem	January 20, 1899
Montana	Julian M. Knight	Virginia City	November 29, 1875
Nebraska	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	April 14, 1877
Nevada	Alex. O. Percy	Gold Hill	July 23, 1897
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder	Manchester	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Burlington	November 23, 1894
New Mexico	Simon B. Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts	New York	December 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks	March 15, 1899
Ohio	C. F. Baldwin	Mount Vernon	March 7, 1893
Oregon	William H. Hobson	Salem	January 24, 1899
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill	Providence	February 4, 1899
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter	Lead City	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	Milton H. Price	De Soto	April 11, 1899
Texas	E J. Simpkins	Corsicana	September 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	September 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	Frank Gilmer	Charlottesville	February 8, 1899
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	April 10, 1891
West Virginia	James Luke, jr	New Cumberland	December 10, 1898
Wisconsin	Charles M. Cottrill	Milwaukee	March 27, 1884

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of	Rafael Joglar	Havana	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	Ellis Robinson	Sidney	November 10, 1893
New Zealand	Hon. Henry Feldwick	Tuvercargill	December 10, 1892
South Australia	James Magor Symons	Moonta	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne	February 16, 1891

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario)	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John's.
Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, Mas. T.
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Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	T. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
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New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, Mas. Temple.
North Carolina	John C Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinatti.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, Box 5.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 780.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson	Christchurch.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

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GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Public School House, at the Village of Red Deer, District of Alberta, on the afternoon of Monday, September 4th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 4 o'clock.

PRESENT.

R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown (28).. .. .. as Grand Master
W. " William Leigh Bernard (28)...as Deputy Grand Master
W. " Sidney Philip Fream (Red Deer, U. D.) .. .. .. as Grand Senior Warden
W. " Charles Palmer Gee (Red Deer, U. D.).. .. .. .. as Grand Junior Warden
W. " William Piper (Red Deer, U. D.) .. as Grand Treasurer
W. " George Wellington Greene (Red Deer, U. D.) .. as Grand Secretary
W. " Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe (Red Deer, U. D.).. .. .. as Grand Chaplain
W. " George Fleming (Red Deer, U. D.) .. .. as Grand Senior Deacon
W. " George Albert Love (Red Deer, U. D.) .. .. .. as Grand Junior Deacon

W. Bro. Rev. Spencer Henry Cubitt (28) ... as Grand Organist

W. " Robert Culsforth Brumpton (Red Deer, U. D.).. as Grand Steward

W. " John Burch (Red Deer, U. D.) .. .. as Grand Steward

W. " Charles S. Eggleton (65) .. .. as Grand Tyler

M. W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), Past Grand Master, and brethren from various Lodges and Jurisdictions.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form* by M. W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Past Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication of Grand Lodge was for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of St. Luke's Church (Anglican).

R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, D.D., Grand Master, then assumed the Grand Master's Chair.

The procession having been properly formed, the brethren marched to the site of the building.

On arrival the Acting Grand Master, Past Grand Master and Grand Officers were received by His Lordship the Bishop of Calgary and the Incumbent and office bearers of the Church, and took proper and convenient positions on the platform where the corner stone was to be laid.

Bro. Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, Acting Grand Chaplain, then invoked a blessing upon the undertaking, imploring that the building might be completed without accident to those engaged in its erection.

Bro. George Wellington Greene, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll about to be deposited in the cavity in the stone :

In the Name of and by the Favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899,

And in the 63rd year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign,
VICTORIA,
Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.
His Excellency the EARL OF MINTO, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.
The Right Honorable WILFRED LAURIER, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.
Hon. A. E. Forget, Lieut.-Governor of the North-West Territories.
Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, Premier of the North-West Territories.
Most Rev. Robert Machray, D. D., Archbishop of Rupert's Land.
Right Rev. W. C. Pinkham, D.D., Bishop of Calgary.
Rev. G. C. d'Easum, M.A., Rural Dean of Edmonton.
Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, B.A., Priest in charge of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.
George W. Greene, Esq., and Edward Burch, Esq., Church Wardens of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.
S. Wilson, Esq., H. M. Cherry, Esq., C. J. S. Reid, Esq., and R. E. Burch, Esq., Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.
M. W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
R. W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. William A. Windatt, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Samuel B. Jameson, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. E. Nelson Bunn, D.D., Grand Master Ninth Masonic District.
R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. William G. Scott, Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. James A. Sutherland, Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. Rev. John W. Muirhead, Grand Chaplain.

THE CORNER STONE

Of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer,

Was laid by R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, D.D., Grand Master, according to the rules and usages of our Ancient Craft, which may God ever bless and prosper.

Bro. William Piper, Acting Grand Treasurer, placed a box in the cavity of the stone containing the following :

A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, current issues of the Edmonton Bulletin, Calgary Herald, Calgary Tribune, Innisfail Free Lance, Manitoba Free Press, and a copy of the first issue of the Edmonton Post. Also current coins of the Dominion of Canada.

Bro. Stephen Wilson, representing the architect of the building, Mr. H. D. Johnson, of Edmonton, then presented to the Acting Grand Master the plans of the proposed building and the working tools to be used, who handed them to the proper officers.

Bro. Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, Incumbent of the Parish, on behalf of himself and the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, then presented the Acting Grand Master with a silver trowel having engraved thereon the following inscription :

Presented to

EUGENE NELSON BROWN, D. D. G. M.: A. F. & A. M.,

By the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer,
September 4th, 1899.

The Acting Grand Master then descended to the place where the stone was to be laid, and spread the cement over the surface of the resting place.

The stone was then lowered, with three distinct stops, into its proper place.

The following hymn was then sung :

THE MASON'S HYMN.

Master Supreme, Great Architect,
Deign to accept our heartfelt praise:
O guide us by Thy Sovereign Hand
And consecrate this stone we raise.

Around this spot may peace be found,
May Faith, Hope, Charity divine,
And unity the golden tie,
With love and friendship here combine.

Give Corn and Wine and Oil to all,
May plenty from Thy bounteous store,
With all the blessings of Thy love,
Upon this land be flowing o'er.

The Acting Grand Master addressed the Acting Grand Officers as follows :

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper jewel of your office ?

D.G.M.—The Square.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

D.G.M.—To square our actions by the square of VIRTUE, and prove our work.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the Foundation Stone which needs to be proved, and make report.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master applied the Square to the stone, and said : Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The Acting Grand Master addressing the Acting Grand Senior Warden, said : Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, what is the jewel of your office ?

G.S.W.—The Level.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

G.S.W.—Morally to remind us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the Foundation Stone and make report.

The R.W. Grand Senior Warden applied the Level, and said : Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then addressing the Acting Junior Grand Warden, said : Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the jewel of your office ?

G.J.W.—The Plumb.

G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses ?

G.J.W.—Morally it teaches RECTITUDE of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the Foundation Stone, and make report.

The R.W. Grand Junior Warden applied the Plumb, and said : Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone is plumb, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

G.M.—This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skilfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master came forward with the vessel of corn, which he scattered on the stone, saying :

I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying :

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men ; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved ; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor ; and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Chaplain then delivered the following invocation, all the brethren remaining uncovered :

May the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this undertaking : protect the workmen from accident ; long preserve the structure from decay and ruin ; and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.

All the brethren responded—"So mote it be."

The Acting Grand Master advancing, struck the stone three times with the gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

The Acting Grand Master then delivered over to the architect the implements of architecture, saying :

Worthy Sir, having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

M.W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D., Past Grand Master, then ascended the platform and addressed the officers of Grand Lodge and the brethren and those assembled, as follows :

Men, women and children here assembled,—be it known unto you all that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practise universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have among us secrets faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We have assembled here this day, in accordance with our immemorial customs, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that He may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the Masons of this place.

This was followed by an eloquent and instructive address from M.W. Bro. O'Meara to the brethren and others assembled.

The procession was then re-formed and the brethren proceeded to the Lodge Room of Red Deer Lodge.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in *form* at 5:15 o'clock, p.m.

Wm. G. Scott
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on Wednesday, June 13th, A.D. 1900, A.L. 5900.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1) .. ..Grand Master
R. W. " Robert S. Thornton (40) .. .. Deputy Grand Master
R. W. " William A. Windatt (3) .. ..Grand Senior Warden
V. W. " John C. Saul (1) .. .. as Grand Junior Warden
R. W. " Marshall Laurie (8) .. .. D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Gregor St. Clair McGregor (11) .. D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Alan M. Stewart (13) .. .. D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " R. Percy Crookshank (15) .. .. .. D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Joseph M. Robinson (19) .. .. D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Harry H. Campkin (33) .. .. D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " John McKechnie (1). .. .. Grand Treasurer
R. W. " William G. Scott (1) .. .. Grand Secretary
R. W. " George W. Baker (10) .. .. as Grand Registrar
R. W. " Rev. John W. Muirhead (47) .. .. Grand Chaplain
W. " N. J. Halpin (19).. .. .. as Grand Senior Deacon
V. W. " A. W. Hooper (2) .. .. Grand Junior Deacon
R. W. " A. J. Belch (4).. .. .. Grand Director of Ceremonies

V. W. Bro. William T. Speed (47) . . . . . Grand Organist
V. W. " Newton Edmiston (24) . . . . . Grand Steward
V. W. " John Thomson (3) . . . . . Grand Steward
V. W. " Edward A. Braithwaite (53) . . . . . Grand Steward
R. W. " James E. Maynard (40) . . . . . as Grand Steward
V. W. " James M. Suttie (3) . . . . . Grand Steward
V. W. " Alexander Lowe (24) . . . . . Grand Steward
V. W. " Fred J. C. Cox (25) . . . . . as Grand Pursuivant
W. " John Bailey (1) . . . . . as Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10) . . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1) . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " James A. Ovas (27) . . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " William G. Bell (3) . . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " Thomas Tweed (31) . . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " Charles N. Bell (1) . . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " Corbet Locke (13) . . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " Thomas Robinson (10) . . . . . Past Grand Master
M. W. " George B. Murphy (35) . . . . . Past Grand Master
R. W. " William G. Scott (1) . . . . . Past Deputy Grand Master
R. W. " John W. Harris (4) . . . . . Past Deputy Grand Master
R. W. " Roderick McCuaig (7) . . . . Past Grand Senior Warden
R. W. " Richard D. Foley (30) . . . . Past Grand Senior Warden
R. W. " Alexander J. Belch (4) . . . . Past Grand Junior Warden
R. W. " Wm. Crawford (31) . . . . . Past Grand Junior Warden
R. W. " James G. Dagg (2) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " George W. Baker (10) . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " John S. McKay (36) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Willard C. Copeland (25) . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " James E. Maynard (40) . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " John McGuirl (35) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " J. Thompson Black (4) . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " J. D. Baine (36) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " J. J. White (25) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " D. McIntosh (3) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " D. H. McFadden (6) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " S. R. Marlatt (7) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " A. S. McGregor (11) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " P. St. Clair McGregor (11) . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " F. S. Proctor (32) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Donald McLean (49) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master

R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64) .. ..Past D. D. Grand Master
R. W. " Edgar W. Rugg (3).. .. .. Past Grand Registrar
R. W. " J. Obed Smith (1) .. .. Past Grand Registrar
R. W. " Rev. A. W. Goulding (51).. .. .. Past Grand Chaplain
R. W. " Rev. Chas. A. Littler (2) .. .. .. Past Grand Chaplain

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES.

England.....M. W. Bro. Thos. Robinson, Winnipeg.
Ireland.....R. W. " Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.
Scotland..... M. W. " Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg.
Canada..... M. W. " Rev. S. P. Matheson, Winnipeg.
British Columbia....V. W. " J. A. Carley, Winnipeg.
New Brunswick.....R. W. " John McGuirl, Moosomin.
Nova Scotia..... M. W. " Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Winnipeg.
Quebec..... R. W. " J. Thompson Black, Winnipeg.
Arkansas..... R. W. " R. McCuaig, Portage la Prairie.
Connecticut.....R. W. " Geo. W. Baker, Winnipeg.
Delaware.....R. W. " A. J. Belch, Winnipeg.
Florida..... M. W. " Rev. S. P. Matheson, Winnipeg.
Georgia.....R. W. " Thos. L. Morton, Gladstone.
Idaho..... R. W. " Rev. W. Jno. Garton, Emerson.
Illinois.....M. W. " John Leslie, Winnipeg.
Kansas.....M. W. " James A. Ovas, Winnipeg.
Louisiana..... R. W. " J. J. White, Winnipeg.
Maine..... M. W. " R. S. Thornton, Deloraine.
Maryland..... R. W. " D. H. McFadden, Emerson.
Michigan..... R. W. " John McKechnie, Winnipeg.
Minnesota.....V. W. " Thomas W. Taylor, Winnipeg.
Mississippi.....M. W. " William G. Bell, Winnipeg.
Nebraska..... R. W. " R. D. Foley, Manitou.
Nevada..... M. W. " Corbet Locke, Morden.
New York..... R. W. " John W. Harris, Winnipeg.
North Carolina..... R. W. " William Crawford, Medicine Hat.
Ohio.....R. W. " Willard C. Copeland, Winnipeg.
Rhode Island ..... R. W. " James G. Dagg, Selkirk.
South Carolina.....R. W. " William A. Windatt, Winnipeg.
South Dakota..... V. W. " H. H. Goulter, Winnipeg.
Tennessee.....R. W. " H. H. Campkin, Indian Head.
Texas.....V. W. " H. J. Pugh, Virden.
Utah.....M. W. " George B. Murphy, Moosomin.
Virginia.....V. W. " R. Hill Myers, Minnedosa.

West Virginia.....R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, Alexander.
Wisconsin..... V. W. " Wm. Braden, Winnipeg.
New Zealand .....M. W. " Thomas Tweed, Medicine Hat.
Washington.....R. W. " William E. Hazley, Winnipeg.
Colorado..... W. " John R. Jones, Winnipeg.
Arizona.....V. W. " A. B. Gillis, Whitewood.

AND THE FOLLOWING PAST MASTERS.

M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1).
V. W. " John C. Saul (1).
W. " T. Harry Webb (1).
W. " Robert Muir (1).
R. W. " John McKechnie (1).
M. W. " Charles N. Bell (1).
R. W. " William G. Scott (1).
M. W. " Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1).
R. W. " J. Obed Smith (1).
R. W. " Rev. Charles A. Littler (2).
V. W. " A. W. Hooper (2).
R. W. " James G. Dagg (2).
R. W. " Edgar W. Rugg (3).
V. W. " John Thomson (3).
M. W. " William G. Bell (3).
W. " Andrew Schmidt (3).
V. W. " C. H. Enderton (3).
R. W. " W. A. Windatt (3).
R. W. " D. McIntosh (3).
V. W. " W. E. Hazley (3).
V. W. " Wm. Braden (4).
V. W. " Thomas W. Taylor (4).
R. W. " A. J. Belch (4).
W. " Angus Grant (4).
W. " A. A. Aird (4).
R. W. " J. Thompson Black (4).
W. " D. A. Fullman (4).
W. " S. G. G. Thompson (4).
W. " Humphrey Hart (4).
R. W. " J. W. Harris (4).
R. W. " Rev. W. John Garton (6).
R. W. " D. H. McFadden (6).
R. W. " Roderick McCuaig (7).
W. " J. P. Young (7).

V. W. Bro. L. Remay (7).
R. W. " S. R. Marlatt (7).
R. W. " M. Laurie (8).
V. W. " H. R. Whitworth (8).
M. W. " Thomas Robinson (10).
R. W. " G. W. Baker (10).
W. " C. Graburn (10).
R. W. " G. S. McGregor (11).
R. W. " A. S. McGregor (11).
R. W. " P. St. Clair McGregor (11).
W. " J. Ferguson (11).
R. W. " Alan M. Stewart (13).
M. W. " Corbet Locke (13).
V. W. " R. Hill Myers (14).
R. W. " R. Percy Crookshank (15).
V. W. " J. S. Brayfield (19).
V. W. " John Wemyss (24).
W. " A. Lowe (24).
V. W. " Newton Edmiston (24).
R. W. " Willard C. Copeland (25).
W. " Napier H. Jackson (25).
R. W. " J. J. White (25).
V. W. " J. A. Carley (25).
W. " Herbert Radford (25).
W. " J. F. Mitchell (25).
W. " C. W. Clark (25).
W. " Hyman Miller (25).
W. " Henry Fry (25).
M. W. " James A. Ovas (27).
W. " John De Sousa (28).
W. " Arthur Mack (29).
V. W. " Eustace Cope (29).
R. W. " R. D. Foley (30).
W. " C. R. Foley (30).
W. " John K. Anderson (30).
W. " R. McKenzie (30).
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W. " Rev. Wm. Robertson (39).
R. W. " James E. Maynard (40).
R. W. " R. S. Thornton (40).
W. " W. R. David (40).
W. " C. A. Young (40).
W. " S. E. Lang (43).
V. W. " H. H. Goulter (43).
V. W. " H. J. Pugh (43).
V. W. " A. B. Gillis (47).
W. " William Cairns (49).
W. " James K. Robson (51).
R. W. " Rev. A. W. Goulding (51).
V. W. " E. A. Braithwaite (53).
" E. A. Struthers (62).
W. " A. Fenwick (64).
R. W. " William Fenwick (64).

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. John W. Muirhead (47), Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27) the regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business, were taken as read.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the twenty-fourth Annual Communication, held at the Town of Regina, District of Assiniboia, on the 14th and 15th days of June, 1899, the Especial Communication held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th day of

July, 1899, and the Especial Communication held at the City of Calgary, on the 4th day of September, 1900, were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Leslie, then read his annual address, as follows :—

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:—

I extend to you a hearty greeting at this the opening of our Twenty-fifth Annual Communication. But, before we commence our labors, let us return thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the favors bestowed upon us in the past, and pray that they may be continued to us in the future. We have much to be thankful for, let us not show ourselves ungrateful.

Before proceeding to lay before you an account of my actions as Grand Master, together with some suggestions which I wish to offer for the good of Masonry, it is fitting that I should refer to events of world-wide importance which have happened since last we met together, events in which our own Dominion and our own fair Province and Territories have borne a conspicuous part.

About eight months ago Great Britain felt herself compelled to enter into a war with the Dutch Republics of South Africa. Engaged, as the dear old mother land was, in a struggle which we, as Canadians, felt to be most just, our sympathies went out to her in no uncertain way. Not because help was needed, but because we were a part of the British Empire and were proud of it, Canada offered to the Imperial Government troops for service in South Africa. The offer was accepted and troops were dispatched a second and a third contingent followed, and now Canadians are fighting the battles of their Queen and Country on the sandy plains and hills of the Transvaal. We knew when they went away that they would nobly uphold the honor of the Maple Leaf, and our expectations have not been disappointed. They have borne themselves as citizens of no mean country, and we are proud of them. No words of mine can add anything to the renown they have garnered on the blood-stained battle-fields of far distant Africa.

As we meet to-night we cannot think otherwise than that the war must shortly come to a close, and that the blessings of free and enlight-

ened Government will soon be felt where tyranny and oppression have prevailed before. It would not be in place for me to enlarge upon the benefits which will inevitably result from the war. But, as Masons, we may be pardoned if we linger a moment to dwell with pride upon the fact that so many of the brethren of this Jurisdiction have enlisted and are now proving that they have grasped the deep meaning of Freemasonry in the camp and on the battle-field with their fellow-soldiers.

It is also a source of gratification to us as Masons to remember that our brethren are under the command of two such distinguished Masons as Field Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, District Deputy Grand Master of the Soudan. Let our hearts go out for a moment to our brethren to wish them Godspeed and a happy return to their homes in our own Western land.

But this is the brighter side of the picture. While we think with pleasure of these who will return to us once more with health and strength, the thought forces itself upon us that some there are who will never see home again. Our thoughts turn instinctively to that lonely grave where lies all that is mortal of Bro. Harry Arnold, of old Hiram Lodge, Kildonan, and to another grave at Ladysmith, where lies the body of Bro. Miller, of Innisfail Lodge, No. 58. There may be others ; many have gone, and the end is not yet. The thought saddens us, but their passing away was a splendid one. They died fighting for their country—a sweet and glorious death.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

I have to report the death of a well-known brother within our own Jurisdiction, a worthy man and a Mason. I refer to R. W. Bro. A. C. Sewell, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa, Past District Deputy Grand Master. A touching reference is made to R. W. Bro. Sewell in the report of Bro. Crookshank, D. D. G. M. for District No. 5.

I have also been informed of the death of the following distinguished brethren, prominent in Masonry in other Jurisdictions :—

M. W. Bro. Oscar Coles, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, died October 12th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. John J. Sumpter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died June 22nd, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Dwight Phelps, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died September 6th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Henry Clay Tompkins, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, died September 12th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. John S. Cross, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, died September 18th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Alex. M. Evans, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died October 16th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Harrison Dills, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died November 1st, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Alphonso Barto, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died November 4th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Lee A. Hall, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, died December 15th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. James H. Welsh, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died December 16th, 1899.

M. W. Bro. Robert Clow, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died January 5th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Thos. G. Reames, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died February 21st, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Samuel G. Williams, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died March 14th, 1900.

M. W. Bro. Clark Buckingham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died March 17th, 1900.

I was not personally acquainted with any of these brethren, but, judging by the expressions made use of in the communications in which I received notice of their deaths, they were all men of high character and ability, and men who had rendered good service to the Craft. I would recommend that a page of the proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to the commemoration of the virtues of these departed brethren.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

As Grand Master I was requested to lay the corner stone of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Red Deer. A special meeting of Grand Lodge was called for that purpose on the 4th day of September, 1899. As I was unable to be present, I requested R. W. Bro. Brown, D. D. G. M. of District No. 9, to officiate for me. This he did to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, the corner stone being well and truly laid.

NEW LODGES.

Five new Lodges were instituted during the year. Full particulars of these are given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

As a full report of all dispensations granted during the year is included in the report of the Grand Secretary, I do not think it necessary to refer to them here.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon during the year to give but one decision, which I think it necessary to report to the Grand Lodge. I was asked "whether a man who had lost his left leg above the knee could be initiated into Masonry." Basing my decision on the very full and eminently judicial discussion of this question by M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, Past Grand Master, in his address to this Lodge, in 1898, I ruled in the affirmative.

In this connection I might say that I have been called upon during my term of office to give my decision on a number of questions, when there was no real necessity for such an appeal. A careful reading of the Constitution and the exercise of a little common sense would save a great deal of time in this respect to both the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. I cannot help but feel that it is a great mistake to call upon the Grand Master for his decision, unless the question is one upon which opinions may materially differ, or one of grave importance upon which no decision has previously been given.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

In speaking of our Grand Lodge of Manitoba we are accustomed to refer to it in terms of pride, as the largest Masonic Jurisdiction in the world. This is no doubt a great distinction, but at the same time it has its inconveniences. One of the most obvious of these is that the Grand Master is perforce obliged to content himself with visiting only a small number of the Lodges within the Jurisdiction, that is, unless he has an abundance of leisure at his disposal. Owing to the pressure of business and other engagements I have been able to visit only thirteen Lodges during my term of office. These were Prince Rupert, No. 1, Winnipeg ; Lisgar, No. 2, Selkirk; Ancient Landmark, No. 3, Winnipeg; St. John, No. 4, Winnipeg; King Solomon, No. 8, Morris; Northern Light, No. 10, Winnipeg; Stonewall, No. 12, Stonewall; Prince of Wales, No. 14, Minnedosa; Corinthian, No. 15, Rapid City; Brandon, No. 19, Brandon; Ionic, No. 25, Winnipeg; East Star, No. 55, Gretna;

and Russell, No. 62, Russell. In my visits to these Lodges I became fully established in a conviction which I had reached many years ago, that much good to Masonry may be accomplished by an official visit of the Grand Master. I shall, however, refer to this matter again, under the head of Lodge Instruction, and shall say nothing further at this point.

On the occasion of my visit to East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna, on November 10th, I dedicated the Masonic Hall there with the usual ceremonies.

I have very great pleasure in offering to the brethren I thus met in my official capacity my most cordial thanks for their considerate kindness and courtesy. My thanks are also specially due to the Grand Lodge Officers, who, at my request, accompanied me on these visits. I have to mention especially Bro. W. A. Windatt, Grand Senior Warden; Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer; Bro. H. J. Von Eberts, Past Deputy Grand Master; Bro. G. W. Baker, Past District Deputy Grand Master; Bro. E. W. Rugg, Past Grand Registrar; Bro. John Thomson, Grand Junior Deacon; Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. the Hon. Colin H. Campbell, and the District Deputy Grand Masters for Districts 1, 5 and 6, Bros. Laurie, J. M. Robinson, R. P. Crookshank and J. F. Boyd.

APPOINTMENTS.

During the year it has been my pleasant duty to recommend several distinguished brethren of this Jurisdiction as representatives of various Grand Lodges, with which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba holds fraternal relations. The names of these brethren, together with the Grand Lodges who have honored them by appointing them as representatives, will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary. It also fell to me, in accordance with the Constitution, to appoint two District Deputy Grand Masters, one for District No. 5 and one for District No. 3, the brethren of these districts having failed to make an election. I therefore appointed Dr. R. P. Crookshank, of Rapid City, D. D. G. M. for District No. 5, and Bro. C. J. Crawley, D.D.G.M. for District No. 3. Both these brethren have discharged the duties entrusted to them with zeal and fidelity, and I extend to them my personal thanks for the excellent work done in their districts.

INDIA FAMINE FUND.

I have to report to Grand Lodge that I recommended to the Finance Committee that the sum of one hundred dollars be donated to the India Famine Fund. I made this recommendation in the firm belief that it was my plain Masonic duty to do so. The Finance Committee

agreed with me in this, and the sum of one hundred dollars was accordingly handed over to the Winnipeg *Free Press* for transmission to India through the proper authorities. This amount is duly acknowledged. This transaction will come before you in the report of the Finance Committee.

PRESENTATION.

I have to report to the Grand Lodge a very pleasant incident which took place at the regular meeting of Northern Light Lodge, No. 10, in April last. Bro. William McBride, of that Lodge, had been during the winter on a visit to the Holy Land, and while there had attended a meeting of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem. The brethren of that Lodge received Bro. McBride with distinguished hospitality, and on his departure handed to him, for the purpose of presenting to his Grand Lodge, a very handsome gavel. This gavel Bro. McBride presented to me, as your representative, at the meeting above referred to. I accepted it with pleasure and thanked Bro. McBride personally for his kindness and trouble. I would recommend that a suitable acknowledgement be made to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge..

RED RIVER VETERANS.

I had much pleasure in attending in March last, a meeting of Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 1, which was entirely given over to the veterans of the first Red River Expedition. R. W. Bro. D. M. Walker presided, and was assisted by R.W. Bro. H. T. Champion and W. Bro. Colonel McMillan. The meeting was most successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by the very large number present.

WASHINGTON CENTENARY.

In November last I received an invitation from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, requesting me to be present at the Commemoration Service to be held at Mount Vernon on December 14th, 1899, in honor of Bro. George Washington, first President of the United States. I replied regretting my inability to be present and extending to the Grand Lodge of Virginia the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge.

I wish here to make reference to the loss sustained by this Jurisdiction through the removal to New York City of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. John M. O'Loughlin, who has always taken a very active part in Masonic work.

THE BOOK OF FORMS AND CEREMONIES.

I desire to draw the attention of the members of Grand Lodge to the Book of Forms and Ceremonies prepared by the Grand Secretary and now ready for distribution. I have read the book with care and am of the opinion that the forms and ceremonies therein are both beautiful and appropriate. The necessity for such a book has long been apparent, and now that provision has been made I trust that it will be studied and used. The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due the Grand Secretary for this most important aid to Masonic thoroughness.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters will be presented to you in due course, and I am certain will meet with your approval. Several of the suggestions made in these reports appeal to me as being especially valuable, and, in my opinion, action should be taken upon them. The mention of the District Deputy Grand Master brings me to the question of the expense of these most invaluable officers. It is unnecessary to point out the benefit that results to the craft in general from the periodical visits of well-skilled brethren, especially charged by Grand Lodge with the duty of examining into the condition of and counselling the Lodges visited. The importance of the office cannot be too much magnified. At the same time, it is evident that the expenses connected with the office must be great, and no provision is made for repayment to these officers of the money expended by them on behalf of Masonry. There is no good reason why these brethren should be compelled to pay for the privilege of benefiting the craft. A resolution stands on the books of the Grand Lodge urging the Subordinate Lodges to pay the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master. Sometimes this is done, sometimes it is not. The lack of uniformity in the practice makes it very awkward for the officers themselves. I am well aware, of course, that nothing can exceed the hospitality with which these brethren are received on their official visits, but this does not do away with the point under discussion. A number of the Grand Lodges in the United States have been turning their attention to this question, and they seem to have arrived at the conclusion that in the interests of Masonry some arrangement should be made to provide for the payment of the expenses of the D. D. G. Masters. In the Grand Lodge of Canada the expenses of the D. D. G. M. are paid by the Lodge visited. I think that definite action providing for payment of all expenses in connection with the office should be taken by the Grand Lodge.

I shall now, brethren, beg your indulgence while I refer to one or two matters to which I think the attention of the craft should be drawn. But first let me speak about one thing which seems to me somewhat curious. I have, during the past few weeks, been reading over the addresses of our Grand Masters for the last ten years. These addresses have contained very many suggestions which, if carried out, would have resulted in marked benefit to the craft. But in numberless cases no action seems to have been taken to carry out the suggestions, admittedly valuable though they were. The Committee on the Grand Master's address have approved and nothing further has been done. I am not referring to this by way of finding fault, but simply to point one way in which improvements may be made. Take, for instance, the very important question of inducing non-affiliated members to connect themselves with some Lodge in the Jurisdiction. The advantages resulting from such a movement have been pointed out time and again, and the dangers which will inevitably result from neglect have also been fully set forth. But I am not aware that any systematic effort has been made to find out the non-affiliated Masons and Masons suspended for non-payment of dues and induce them to resume their Masonic obligations. Much has been done by individuals, but nothing on a large scale has ever been attempted. But this is a matter of such tremendous importance that it cannot safely be neglected. All that is needed is earnest, systematic effort on the part of the various Lodges. The ideal condition of affairs, of course, would be that there should not be a non-affiliated or suspended Mason in the Jurisdiction. We may not be able to entirely realize this ideal, but we may at least earnestly strive to that desired end.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

The benefits resulting from the holding of Lodges of Instruction were most admirably set forth by M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke, Past Grand Master, in his address to Grand Lodge at the 1897 Communication. I had the opportunity of verifying Bro. Locke's opinion at the visit which I paid to Brandon Lodge, No. 19, some months ago. A Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of this Lodge, to which the brethren of the surrounding districts were invited. The meeting lasted the whole of one day and was most successful from the standpoint of attendance, work, enthusiasm and good accomplished. The opportunity was thus afforded me of meeting many brethren from the Brandon district whom I otherwise would not have known. I cordially agree with everything said by Bro. Locke in regard to the advisability of holding these Lodges of Instruction annually in each district, but would further add that were these Lodges held at convenient dates, duly arranged, they might be productive of good in yet another way. It

might be possible so to arrange the dates for the holding of these Lodges that the Grand Master might be able to visit each district and yet not be absent from his business more than three weeks, if indeed that length of time were necessary. I see no difficulties in the way of working out such a plan. Its advantages, could they be carried out, are obvious, and must commend themselves to all. I recommend this suggestion to the attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters, who will be elected at this communication, as, of course, in their hands would lie the carrying out of the plan proposed.

ATTENDANCE AT DIVINE WORSHIP.

I notice with regret that there seems to be a tendency among some of the Lodges to neglect the time honored custom of attending Divine service at some recognized place of Christian worship. I wish to state most emphatically that in my opinion anything that looks like a severance of Masonry and Christianity cannot but be mischievous to the best interests of the craft. Masonry is not Christianity, but it is so based upon it and so inextricably entertwined with it, that the two cannot be disassociated in the minds of right-thinking Masons. I am well aware that a large number of our brethren, men who are Masons in the very highest meaning of the term, have objections to appearing in public dressed in Masonic clothing and to taking part in Masonic parades. These objectons, based upon conscientious grounds, cannot but be respected. But, at the same time, even these may be removed by arranging a Masonic service from which the features objected to could be eliminated. I remember very distinctly a most impressive service which I am sure will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to take part in it, which was held in one of the Lodge rooms in Winnipeg some years ago under the auspices of the five city Lodges. In addition to this the collections taken up at these services might be donated to some charitable purpose, thus drawing the attention of the brethren to the practical side of Masonry. Surely some arrangement could be made so that each Lodge in the Jurisdiction may be enabled to attend Divine service at least once a year. I feel very strongly indeed on this point, and would recommend it to the earnest consideration of the members of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE AND LODGE HISTORIES.

My attention has been called to the subject of Grand Lodge and Lodge Histories by the perusal of the monumental "'History of Freemasonry in Canada," from the pen of Bro. John Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The labor involved in the compilation of the work must have been enormous, the more so as

such a length of time has elapsed since the early events narrated took place. It seems to me that the time has come when an earnest effort should be made by both the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges to collect all the historical data available and systematically arrange the same. The importance of this work at this period in our history cannot be over-estimated. As time goes on, those who laid broad and deep the foundations of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction will be passing away. The better part of our Masonic history, that which is really of vital interest, is not that which is to be found written in the Lodge records. Rather are the memories of early struggles on behalf of Masonry, the difficulties encountered and conquered, the little personal incidents of importance, that which distinguishes the true and living history from the mere dry compilation of facts. The opportunity to obtain information for this kind of history is passing away with the pioneers of the Province. Would it not be well, then, that some well-skilled brother, by preference one who was himself concerned in the early history of Masonry here, should be intrusted with the task of writing a comprehensive history of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba during the first quarter of a century of its existence, together with the history of Masonry in Manitoba previous to the formation of the present Grand Lodge? Perhaps the matter might at the beginning be done by the Subordinate Lodges. Were a well-digested history of each Lodge in the hands of the Grand Lodge Historographer, it would materially lighten his labor. In addition to this, a large amount of data relating to the earlier days of Masonry is in existence, having been collected by brethren interested in the question, which would be available if such a plan were carried out. Bro. W. G. Scott has in his possession a large amount of such information, and, indeed, has delivered a very interesting lecture on this subject before the Winnipeg Lodges. I am aware that steps in this direction were taken by the Grand Lodge some years ago, but nothing tangible has as yet been accomplished. Further, the Grand Secretary has been indefatigable in his efforts to obtain pictures and photographs of men and places prominent in the early history of Masonry. Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, has also accomplished something in the same way. Could not this plan be adopted with advantage by the various Lodges? It would not entail very much labor, and certainly the value of such a collection would more than compensate for the labor involved in obtaining it. I recommend this suggestion to your earnest consideration.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND MASONIC FUNERALS.

My attention has been called to two evils, which, unless something is done, and done at once, cannot but sap the life of Lodges where they

exist. I refer to the entirely inadequate provision made by some of our Lodges in the matter of life memberships and the suicidal policy which prevails in others of guaranteeing a Masonic funeral to every deceased member. Some of our Lodges have gone so far as to provide that life membership shall be conferred after a certain term of years upon payment of a sum sufficient to pay Grand Lodge fees. Why a man should be rewarded in doing his duty in sharing the expenses and burdens of the Lodge while he was a partaker in its benefits passes my comprehension. The principle is not only unsound, but it is positively dangerous. It may work very well when the Lodge is young and no applications for life membership are possible, but as the Lodge grows older the policy of mortgaging the future will be found to press very heavily upon those who are so unfortunate as not to have reached the desired limit. The question of life membership is a purely business one, and should be treated on business principles. Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, has adopted a by-law fixing the rate for life membership at $50, deducting, however, $1 for every year that a brother is associated with the Lodge. I certainly think that no easier method of obtaining life membership could be provided.

With regard to the second of these two evils the mere mention of it is sufficient to condemn it. It must mean financial ruin to the Lodges which adopt it. It can mean nothing else. Freemasonry will never refuse to provide for the funeral expenses of a brother dying in indigent circumstances, but Freemasonry does not exist to pay the funeral expenses of a member whose family are well able to pay the expenses in connection therewith. I would earnestly urge the brethren of the Lodges, in whose by-laws such a provision stands, to consider the matter carefully before it is too late to make any change.

THE SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL SIDE OF MASONRY.

The proper conduct of the business of a Lodge is of prime importance. Too much careful attention cannot be paid to the degree work, but, at the same time, it is to be remembered that the chief end of Masonry is not to transact business and confer degrees. Masonry is a social order, and that side of it should not be neglected. The brother who comes to meeting after meeting of the Lodge and has no opportunity of spending a few minutes in conversation with his brethren soon ceases to attend at all. Many of our Lodges are being materially injured by the habit of cutting off the social part of the meeting for the sake of the ritual work. An ordinary Lodge meeting at which one degree is conferred can be closed in good time and still allow at least one hour for social pleasures. Man is a social being and craves inter-

course with his fellows. If he does not get it at the Lodge room he will go elsewhere. A small sum of money spent in this direction at each meeting will yield ample returns in the more kindly feeling generated among the brethren.

But hand in hand with this social side of Masonry should go the intellectual. I do not intend to dwell upon this point; it has been fully dealt with several times before. I desire simply to call the attention of the brethren to the possibilities for intellectual pleasures which our long winter evenings bring before us, and to urge that this matter be not neglected in arranging for the regular meeting of the Lodge. The Masonic Lodge room should be the intellectual centre of the community. It cannot be so if this phase of Masonry is forgotten.

MASONIC CHARITY.

I am glad to be able to give my unequivocal testimony to the large amount of good that is being done both by the Lodge and by individual Masons in the way of gifts to charitable and benevolent purposes. I notice with pleasure the contributions made by a number of the Lodges to the Patriotic Fund, notably the munificent donations of the Masons of Calgary and Winnipeg. I also notice in the columns of the Winnipeg *Free Press* frequent acknowledgments of amounts contributed to the India Famine Fund by the various Lodges. I have also had brought to my attention numerous acts of charity done in a kindly, unostentatious way by individual members of the craft. I take pride in speaking of these things, as it makes me feel that Masonry is a living reality, not a dead formalism. Were the gifts made to charitable organizations by Masons of Manitoba and the North-West Territories grouped together as a Masonic contribution, the aggregate would be more than astonishing.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.

The present communication, making as it does the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, stands as a landmark in our history. It is proper at this point to pause and ask ourselves: What has Masonry done in the past and what shall it accomplish in the future? Were I inclined to dwell upon our material prosperity, I might point out that the present year has been one of unexampled progress. The number of Lodges is advancing by leaps and bounds, while the revenue is more than keeping pace with the membership. But, after all, an order is not judged by the members and the work by them accomplished. Material prosperity is indeed necessary, but it is a means, not an end. The question to be asked is not: How many lodges, how many members, how much money on hand, but what

kind of men, what is their standing and influence, what have they done towards the upbuilding of the social, moral and religious life of the community in which they live? Has Masonry any reason to offer for its existence in the past, has it any good reason to offer why it should continue to exist in the future? I do not care to enter into a discussion of this question. I simply present the problem and leave it to each brother to answer for himself. Masonry is a life. How have we lived it? Personally, I have no doubt of the answer. I am convinced that Masonry has done a great work here in the past quarter of a century. I believe that the life of this Western country is better and purer and sweeter and stronger from the existence of our beloved craft in the past, and that this is the warrant for its continued existence in the future. The opportunities of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction are as limitless as the prairies themselves. It remains for us to decide how these opportunities shall be used. Shall we not say with St. Augustine: "Let us not leave Thee alone to make in the secret of Thy knowledge, as thou didst before the creation of the firmament, the division of light from darkness; let the children of Thy spirit placed in their firmament make their light shine upon the earth, mark the division of night and day and announce the revolution of the times; for the old order is passed and the new arises; the night is spent, the day is come forth; and Thou shall crown the year with Thy blessing when Thou shalt send forth laborers into Thy harvest, sown by other hands than theirs; when Thou shalt send forth new laborers to new seed times, whereof the harvest shall not be yet."

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the many acts of kindness shown to me during the past year. Especially, I would desire to extend my most cordial thanks to R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for his kindly assistance and courteous attentions. I am sure I am voicing the sentiment of Grand Lodge when I state that the members have heard with regret that it is not the intention of the Grand Secretary to again present himself for election to the office which he has held for so many years. I feel that I cannot close this address without personally paying a tribute to his efficiency and zeal.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, I thank you.

JOHN LESLIE,
Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District respectfully reports as follows, viz. :—

That I have endeavored to do my duty as D. D. G. M. without fear or favor, and feel I have done our craft some little good. I have visited every Lodge in the district, with the exception of St. John's, and this, in some measure, was not my fault. The Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection issued a small pocket calendar, giving the dates of the meetings of the different Lodges. St. John's was printed in error, and, depending on the date given, I went to Winnipeg, but found the Lodge would not meet until two weeks later. However, I intend to visit this Lodge later, and so feel thus far I have done my duty. I wish to say to Grand Lodge that this District (No. 1) is to be congratulated. I have not heard of a complaint from any of the Lodges. Every Lodge is in first-class condition, active and strong; all are to be congratulated upon having good secretaries. The Grand Lodge returns in every instance have been sent in promptly and the books are in first-class condition. Out of a membership of 912 we have had four deaths, which is to be regretted, but after all it is the great warning we receive that some of us before another June will be called to stand before the Great Architect of the Universe, and, I trust, fully prepared to meet him.

This, Grand Master, is my report of District No. 1.

MARSHALL LAWRIE,
D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District respectfully reports as follows, viz. :—

I have much pleasure in reporting that I was enabled during the year to pay two official visits to all the Lodges on their regular meeting

nights. I was well received on all my visits by the officers and members of the different Lodges. The Lodges are all in the charge of well-skilled and enthusiastic Masters, who take great interest in the work, and are ably supported by the other officers of the Lodge. During the winter the most of the Lodges held a social gathering in the shape of a supper or an "at home," at which the members and their friends met and enjoyed a pleasant and sociable evening together, fostering a friendly and Masonic feeling among them.

On Saturday, the 12th day of August, 1899, I went to Dauphin, accompanied by Bro. John Curtiss, of Neepawa, to constitute Vermillion Lodge, No. 68. On the train we met W. Bro. T. A. Burrows on his way home from Ontario. We had a gathering of twenty Master Masons present, assisted by R. W. Bro. R. C. Brown and Rev. Bro. Wakefield, who took part as Chaplain, and, with the ancient customs and usages of the craft, we dedicated their hall and consecrated and constituted the Lodge and installed the officers—T. A. Burrows, W. M., Bros. J. G. Harvey and Thomas Young, as Wardens. On Sunday the brethren drove us around to see the country. On the 3rd day of April, 1900, I paid the Lodge an official visit and received a Masonic welcome to Dauphin. I found the Lodge doing good work, with Bro. J. G. Harvey, W. M., and Bros. Young and Barnard as Wardens. The first degree was conferred on David Sutherland by R. W. Bro. R. C. Brown, and the fellowcraft degree on Bros. Walker and Cruse by the W. M. The work was well done and reflects great credit on the Lodge. The books are carefully kept by the Secretary. This Lodge has a great future before it, and will soon be one of the strongest Lodges in the district. After closing the Lodge we adjourned to the Grand View hotel to partake of a bounteous spread provided by the brethren, where we spent a very pleasant time.

After sending my report for last year to the office of the Grand Secretary I received a complaint from Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, against Vermillion Lodge, U. D., for having accepted and initiated W. T. Gill, a rejected candidate from Neepawa Lodge, without making proper inquiries into his character and residence. The papers in this case were before M. W. Geo. B. Murphy, Grand Master, Moosomin, who referred them to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, Portage la Prairie—I visited this Lodge on its regular meeting night, the 15th of November, 1899, and had a fair attendance of members. The work of this Lodge is well done. There are a number of good Masons in this Lodge, and I hope to see them take a greater interest in the working of the Lodge in future. The W. M., R. Cowie, is well-skilled in the work, and the books are in the

hands of L. Remay, the able Secretary. I was pleased to meet M. W. Bro. C. N. Bell, Past Grand Master, in town, who paid the Lodge a fraternal visit. As the Lodge had no degrees to confer, M. W. Bro. Bell kindly delivered an able address on "Masonic Symbols," which gave us something to study and imparted a lot of Masonic information. I paid my next official visit on the 21st of March, 1900, and had a good attendance at the meeting. The W.M., R. Cowie, opened the Lodge, but owing to other pressing business he had to leave the Lodge about 9 o'clock, when R.W. Bro. George Davidson took charge of the Lodge and conferred the third or Sublime degree of a Master Mason on Bro. Jno. McLennan. The work was very well done, the Wardens, Bros. Armstrong and Hicks, ably assisting. The prospects of the Lodge are good. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. George Davidson and A. S. McGregor, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, in the Lodge. I was very sorry to hear of the sudden death of W. Bro. G. C. Woodside, a Past Master of this Lodge, and trust that God whom we adore may be the stay of his widow and family.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, I visited officially on December 11th, 1899, accompanied by Bro. Peter Hazleton, of Neepawa. I found rather a small meeting, the W. M. being absent in Winnipeg, and W. Bro. R. McComb was in the east. The election of officers was held, when R. W. Bro. T. L. Morton was re-elected W. M., Bros. Egan and Hack, Wardens. The work of the Lodge is well done and prospects good. I paid my second official visit on April 9th, 1900. The W. M. being absent in Winnipeg attending the Legislature, Bro. T. Egan, Senior Warden, opened the Lodge in good form. W. Bro. John Ferguson then took the east and conferred the Fellowcraft degree on Bro. Vickers with some of his old time zest, the officers doing their parts in good style. We spent a very interesting evening together. The books are well looked after by W. Bro. John Ferguson, the able Secretary. On the 27th of February, 1900, the Lodge held an "at home," which I was unable to attend through sickness. I learn that the brethren and their friends spent a very enjoyable evening together.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, I visited officially on December 13th, 1899, and had a large meeting, the W.M., N. Edmeston, in the east. The work of the Lodge is well done; the books carefully kept by T. Yates, the Secretary. The election of officers was then held, when Bro. Peter Hazleton was elected Master, Bros. Herral and Lawrence, Wardens, and W. Bro. A. Lowe, Secretary. I visited a second time on March 14th, 1900, accompanied by V. W. Bro. W. T. Speed, W. M., of Gothic Lodge, U. D., Austin, and found a large meeting. The work is well done by W. Bro. Hazleton and his officers. The books are well looked

after by W. Bro. A. Lowe, Secretary. There being no candidates for degrees, the Lodge illustrated the E. A. degree in fine style. This Lodge is making good progress. A. F. Dalton, ex-Treasurer, having skipped from the town, leaving his wife and family to the charity of the Lodge, a committee has been appointed to examine his doings, and, if necessary, prefer charges against him. The Lodge held its annual "at home" on the evening of the 27th of December, 1899, at which there were about two hundred people present, making quite a successful entertainment. On February 3rd, 1900, several of the brethren, with their ladies, drove out to the residence of W. Bro. John Dempsey and presented him and his wife with a couple of comfortable arm chairs. W. Bro. Dempsey is a Mason of sixty-four years' standing, and he entertained the visitors with stories of olden times. Long may he be spared to go in and out among us. On the 5th of February, 1900, I held a board of installed Masters in the Lodge to confer the Past Master's degree on the W. M. of the Lodge. There were ten P. M.'s present. We had a very profitable meeting.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29—I paid my first official visit to this Lodge on the 14th of November, 1899. I found that the Secretary had removed to Winnipeg, and that the members did not have any notice of my coming to see them that night. There were sixteen Masons present. I found the Lodge doing good work. The Sublime degree of a Master Mason was conferred on Bro. John Armstrong by the W. M., E. Cope, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ireland. The work was very well done. I found the affairs of the Lodge in good shape, harmony prevailing among the members. On the 13th of March, 1900, I visited the Lodge a second time. The members having timely notice of my coming were present in full force. I found the Lodge progressing and everything in good order under the guidance of the W. M., G. Haslim. Bro. Charles May was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason by V. W. Bro. E. Cope, and Bro. John Balfour was raised by the W. M., Bro. G. Haslim, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ireland. The conferring of these degrees was ably done by the several brethren and reflects great credit on the Lodge. The candidats passed a very excellent examination. The prospects of this Lodge are very bright, with lots of work in view.

Temple Lodge, No. 49, MacGregor—I paid my official visit on the 22nd day of November, 1899, and found the Lodge in good shape, with V. W. Bro. W. T. Speed, W. M. There were no degrees to confer, as the candidate was not present. The books are carefully looked after by Bro. F. M. Berry, the Secretary. The Lodge held a basket social on the 27th of December, 1899, which was very successful. I visited the Lodge

again officially on the 18th of April, 1900. The Lodge is in charge of R. W. Bro. D. McLean, W. M. The work is well and carefully done. R. W. Bro. D. McLean, W. M. Two brethren were raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason. The work was very well done. R. W. Bro. McLean deserves great credit for the untiring interest he takes in Masonry in his district. Since my last visit there were nine members of this Lodge dimitted in order to form a new Lodge at Austin.

Gothic Lodge, U. D., Austin—On January 24th, 1900, I drove to Austin to institute this Lodge, and, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. D. McLean and several Past Masters from Temple Lodge, and W. Bros. Haslim, Cope and Mack, from Carberry, Gothic Lodge, U. D., was duly instituted with the usual usages, with V.W. Bro. W. T. Speed as W. M. The Junior Warden was absent in Ontario. The Lodge starts with a membership of ten, and the prospects seem fairly good. The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, after which we returned to the Lodge room, when the three degrees of Craft Masonry were exemplified by the Past Masters present. About 4 o'clock a.m. we closed the Lodge after a very pleasant night in Masonry. On the 16th of April, 1900, I paid an official visit to the Lodge and found the Lodge room nicely fixed up. The members were well represented. R. W. Bro. McLean and W. Bro. Cairns, from Temple Lodge, were present. Bros. Sloan and Campbell were passed to the Fellowcraft degree, and Bros. Fraser and Delgleish were raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W. M. and R. W. Bro. D. McLean. The work was excellent, and the various candidates well prepared. The material in view in this Lodge is good and the prospects bright for a good working Lodge. I find that the members of this Lodge held a meeting on the 15th of January to receive applications for membership and appoint committees on same. They received two applications and appointed a committee on each. At the first regular meeting of the Lodge, February 19th, 1900, the Lodge received the report of these committees, balloted for and initiated the two candidates into the first degree of Masonry. I find that this was done on the authority of a telegram and letter from the Grand Secretary of date of January 15th, 1900. As this Lodge is doing good work and are very careful in their working, I would recommend that a charter and a number be granted to this Lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to convey to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to me during the year. It has been a great pleasure to me to visit every Lodge in the district,

and hope that the genuine tenets of our institution may be transmitted through these Lodges, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

G. S. McGREGOR,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

As District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in this district.

Oakland Lodge, No. 9—I visited this Lodge on the 13th of March and found everything in a fairly satisfactory condition. This Lodge has been, I regret to say, for some time in a not too prosperous state, owing to dissensions amongst the brethren. I am glad, however, to find that they appear to be getting together again. They have regularly held their monthly meetings, and the W. M. and the officers know their work, and I see no reason why, if the brethren will only make a determined effort, the Lodge should not speedily recover its former good name for efficiency. Considerable trouble in making up returns has been caused to this Lodge by a fire which destroyed all their books, etc., some of which, notably the by-laws, have not been replaced. The Lodge room, altar and other fittings are very fine, quite the best in my district.

Glenboro, No. 48.—I visited here on the 12th of February and found affairs, I am sorry to say, anything but satisfactory. There had been hardly any meetings during the past year, and those had been attended by very few members. A considerable amount of back dues was owing, and altogether the brethren, with a few exceptions, showed only too plainly that they were quite indifferent whether the Lodge kept on or not. The officers of the Lodge generally seem to have attended meetings fairly regularly, and they received no support from the brethren. A third degree was conferred, but as this was the only one given for over a year, the officers were not as well posted as they should be. Not having elected officers on the proper day, a dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge to elect on the 9th of April. I was unable to be

present, but believe this was done. I hear no meetings have been held since then. Altogether, I think it will require most careful handling to keep this Lodge alive.

Treherne, No. 51 — I visited this Lodge on the 13th of April and found everything going on well. This Lodge has been put back a great deal by fire, which destroyed all their books, regalia, etc., and have passed through a period of depression, but I think all that is now over. They are getting new members and good ones, and the officers are up to their work and doing their best to bring the Lodge to the good position it held some few years ago. I have no fears for the future in this case. Two brethren were raised on the occasion of my visit and the work was very satisfactory.

Holland, No. 63 — I visited this Lodge on the 9th of May and found everything satisfactory. Officers well up to their work and the brethren giving good support. One brother received the degree of a Fellowcraft, and the degree was well conferred. This Lodge, I am certain, will continue to do well.

Wawanesa, No. 67 — I visited this Lodge on the 9th of April, but owing to most of the members being engaged in seeding and a good many of them being at some distance, we did not get enough brethren together to hold a meeting. I visited again on the 14th of May, and this time had a fair number of brethren present. There being no work to be done, the W. M. exemplified the first degree. I found everything satisfactory, and have no doubt the Lodge will steadily go ahead as it grows older. The officers were all very fairly up in their work, especially when it is considered that they had not given any degree since their installation. The books are kept all right, and, in fact, everything is as it should be.

Roland, U. D.—I visited this Lodge on the 18th of January, and had a very good attendance of the brethren to meet me. I consider that the work of this Lodge is at least equal to that of any other Lodge in my district. The W. M. and all his officers know and do their work well, and everythng I found to be perfectly satisfactory. I should most strongly recommend that a charter be granted to this Lodge.

Altogether, I consider that Masonry is in a fairly flourishing condition in this district, the younger Lodges, however, doing better than the older ones. I think that a great deal of the apathy and laxness which exists is due to the fact that for the past two years there have not been any official visits, and I trust that in every case a little extra care and supervision on the part of the future D. D. G. M.'s will bring

them back to the condition in which they should be and in which they have heretofore been.

Finally, I beg to thank the brethren in my district for the kindness and hospitality with which I have invariably been received, and assure them that I look back on my official visits with the greatest pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. J. CRAWLEY,
D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in this district.

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, Morden—Being the Lodge of which I am a member, I was present at all its meetings except one, when I was away visiting other Lodges. I also made them an official visit on February 8th. There being no work on, at my request, the W. M. exemplified the first degree. I find the attendance very poor and a great lack of interest amongst the older members, more especially amongst past officers. The present officers are very zealous and do their work well.

Manitou Lodge, No. 30, Manitou — On February 13th, when the officers exemplified the 1st degree. The attendance was poor, but the officers are enthusiastic and do their work well. The books are well kept.

Crystal Lodge, U. D., Crystal City—On March 13th. The W. M. was unavoidably absent, but the first degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. Duff in a most efficient manner. The books are well kept.

Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, Deloraine—On March 14th. This Lodge is in charge of competent officers, and the first degree was very well given. R. W. Bro. Maynard delivered the lecture in the third degree. The books are well kept.

Killarney Lodge, No. 50, Killarney—On March 15th. I am sorry to say that Masonry is not in a flourishing condition in this Lodge.

The W. M. was absent, and I had to take the chair and open and close the Lodge. M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke, who had most kindly offered me his assistance, then exemplified the third degree, and also gave a lecture on that degree. I have hopes that our visit did good and that the Lodge will be more prosperous this next year. The books are well kept.

Oriental Lodge, No. 54, Melita—On March 16th. The attendance was very good considering the distance some members have to go and the stormy night. The I. P. M. conferred the first degree very creditably. The books are well and accurately kept.

Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain—On March 27th. This is indeed the Banner Lodge of this district, being the strongest financially, owning their own hall. The officers conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner. R. W. Bro. Maynard delivered the lecture in the 3rd degree. The books are well kept and the interests of the Lodge looked after very carefully by R. W. Bro. J. D. Baine.

I found Masonry in this district in a fairly healthy condition, but suffering from two things, namely, the transient nature of the population, and again the lack of interest exhibited in most cases by the older members, and I am sorry to say in a great many cases by Past Masters. The first cannot be remedied, but I think the second should be, and I spoke very strongly to each Lodge on the subject.

Like my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. L. Campbell, I strongly urged the necessity of more Masonic reading, and suggested the advisability of each Lodge procuring Masonic books, and, in fact, forming a nucleus of a district library. I found the books of the different Lodges well kept, and the only thing lacking in the Historical Register being the history of the formation of the Lodge. In these cases I advised the appointment of a committee to write this up, which I find in some cases was done.

One other thing I noticed in my district is the number of members in arrears for dues and the length of time some were in arrears. I think this is a state of things that should not exist, for, if a brother at any time is unable to pay his dues, I think Masonic charity could not be used to better advantage than by remitting him his dues.

I have much pleasure in recommending that Crystal Lodge, U. D., be granted a charter. The officers and members are enthusiastic, and I feel sure this Lodge will always be able to give a good account of itself.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the brethren of this district my appreciation of their kindness and of the cordial reception everywhere extended to me on my visits to the several Lodges. And also to thank

them for the honor they conferred on me by electing me to the responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

ALAN M. STEWART,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Most Worshipful Sir,—I beg leave to report:—

That this district, comprising the Lodges situated at Minnedosa, Rapid City, Birtle and Russell, is in a good healthy state.

While uttering the regret that this district was not represented at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Regina, I have also to express my appreciation, Most Worshipful Sir, of the honor conferred in appointing me to the office of your Deputy and Representative in District No. 5.

I have the pleasure of reporting that the Lodges have purchased a D.D.G.M. regalia for the district, so that their Representative may be clothed in a manner becoming the dignity of his office, and as behooves an attendant upon the Grand East.

I officially visited Birtle Lodge, No. 39, on October 9th, 1899, and while there was no work at that time put on, yet I found that a candidate was progressing slowly but surely towards the Masonic goal.

The removal of some of the old members from the district and dimitting of others has here tended to bring matters Masonic to a standstill, while there was a noticeable lack of available material, and the brethren are passing through that quiescent stage of existence which, at one period or another, comes to every Lodge. But, if they will bestir themselves, take interest in affairs Masonic, keep in touch with neighboring Lodges, call upon their reserve fund of energy for a time, look up and interest themselves in any visiting brother or brethren who may happen to sojourn in their town, they will be surprised to find themselves emerging from this period of depression in far better shape than when they entered upon it.

I proceeded to Russell on October 10th and held a very enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting, and although it was an emergent one, several of the brethren came a goodly number of miles to attend. This speaks well for the future. Russell Lodge, No. 62, should make good, steady progress, and I can assure my successor in office that hearty co-operation, supported by earnest individual effort awaits him in the western end of the district.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14 — I was from various unforeseen circumstances unable to again officially visit until May 11th, 1900, when I was accompanied by W. Bro. Daly, Bros. Rouse and Dunoon, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 15. I found everything and everybody living up to the traditions of this Lodge. I have many times, Most Worshipful Sir, had the pleasure of seeing work done there, and the feeling of interest aroused in one, coupled with the inner consciousness that makes the listener settle himself in his seat, with an utter relaxation from care and watchfulness, entirely content that *now* he will see work done as it should be, easy, graceful and with perfect finish, is unwittingly prominent here. During the term a large number of candidates have received degrees, and I can only congratulate Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, upon their zeal and energy and trust they will long continue in such a prosperous condition.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 15—This being my mother Lodge, I have been able to attend the majority of the meetings held during the year. Like Birtle Lodge, No. 39, they have lost many members, some moving from the district and others, living away from the town, taking out dimits. However, I may safely say that Corinthian Lodge has successfully passed through her trial and is emerging with fresh zeal and enthusiasm. We look for a goodly increase during the coming year. I visited this Lodge officially on June 5th. During the past year our district was honored with an official visit from the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Officers. On November 21st Corinthian Lodge received them, and although no degree work was put on, yet a very pleasant and memorable evening was spent.

On Wednesday the 22nd, adding R. W. Bro. A. Chisholm, P.G.C., to our number, we visited Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa. The E. A. degree was there exemplified in the usual complete and perfect manner always to be found in this Lodge; and although there was a large political meeting the same evening in the town, yet the attendance was such at Lodge that when the candidate had completed his work, room had to be made for him to sit down.

The following day we started for the Town of Russell to hold a district meeting. R. W. Bro. George W. Baker (10) met us at the

train, while we sadly parted with the genial R. W. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, who was obliged to return to the Capital. Owing to the political crisis as large a representation from the various Lodges as had expected to be present were unable to meet us at Russell. However, R. W. Bro. J. F. Boyd, of Prince of Wales Lodge; W. Bro. W. B. Chapman and Bro. the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Birtle, journeyed with us. I think, Most Worshipful Sir, you will bear me out when I say we had a goodly, enthusiastic gathering of the craft at our district meeting. The E. A. degree was exemplified by Russell Lodge and the M. M. degree worked by a no less distinguished coterie than the M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. George W. Baker, and W. Bro. C. Woodside, of Portage la Prairie.

Words fail me, Most Worshipful Sir, to fully express the good your visit has done in the district. It has made plain to the members of the country Lodges that they are, though situated at such a distance from, still in personal touch with the Grand East; that more than a mere casual interest is taken in their welfare, and that all or any matters pertaining to their well-being are also of vital importance to the Grand Lodge; and while they are only links in the chain of Masonry, yet each link has to be strong and without flaw to secure the stability of the whole.

I have only, Most Worshipful Sir, to call your attention to the steady increase of work done in our district as an evidence of your visit bearing good fruit, and to endorse my opening statement—that District No. 5 is in a healthy condition.

I am very pleased, Most Worshipful Sir, to report two noteworthy events, noteworthy as occurring in a country district, namely, the presentation of Past Master's jewels to two very distinguished and popular members of the Craft. Each of them has proven himself an earnest, indefatigable worker, not only taking a lively interest in matters pertaining to his Lodge, but every holding his best ready and at her command. On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1899, R. W. Bro. A. C. Sewell was so decorated by the members of Prince of Wales Lodge, and on April 3, 1900, R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Stone was the recipient of like honor at the hands of his brethren of Corinthian Lodge. As your Deputy, I would note these events as showing that although the country Lodges may be unable to present each Past Master with a jewel, yet they are keenly alive to disinterested and unselfish work on behalf of the Lodge.

It is with sincere regret, Most Worshipful Sir, I have to record the departure of one of these Brethren to take his seat in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever. I was summoned on May 4th to attend the funeral of R. W. Bro.

A. C. Sewell, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa. R. W. Bros. E. Peplow and G. L. Stone, and Bros. Rouse and LePage, of Corinthian Lodge, very kindly accompanied me, and with all due solemnity and impressive rite the remains of our departed brother were committed to their last earthly resting place. Not only personally, but those throughout the district who knew the late R. W. brother sincerely sympathize with Prince of Wales Lodge in the loss they have sustained in the death of a member so prominent, earnest, liberal, and I can truthfully say one of the best Masons in the district.

May I be permitted, Most Worshipful Sir, to suggest that you recommend, suggest and enjoin upon your D. D. G. M.'s to keep a district minute book, each one of, and concerning affairs Masonic in their own district. The compilation of such books would be apart from the Grand Secretary's Annual Report, his statistical tables, the report of the Committee on State of Masonry, a personal and direct Craft history of this Grand Jurisdiction. I would consider such a work as of a three-fold value.

Historically—While the number of Lodges in a district may at the present time be limited, yet this is a growing country, and new Lodges will continually, year by year, be springing into existence, and a book in the hands of a D. D. G. M. passing on to his successor in office, containing all matters of Masonic interest that had transpired during his term of office, will, in course of time, become a valuable historic document of the district.

Take such a trio of Lodges as exist in the City of Winnipeg — Ancient Landmark, Prince Rupert's and Northern Light—who lost such valuable records at the fire in the old hall. Consider what a boon such a minute book as this would be to these Lodges had it been in existence.

Statistically—In this book would appear all figures relating to Masonry in the district and would be there to form at any time comparative statements — increase in membership, insurance, benevolent funds, and such like.

Reference—Here would be kept accounts of the pleasant histories leading to the formation of new Lodges, all district meetings, signatures of visitors the various Lodges taking part and their representatives, all questions discussed of importance to the district, visits of the M. W. the Grand Master and his officers, demise and histories of prominent members of the Craft, all or any ceremonials occurring in the district, so that a future D. D. G. M. might have both interesting and possibly instructive information to assist him in making out his yearly report to the Grand Lodge.

Where the district is a large one or from various causes the D. D. G. M. be unable to undertake the work a District Secretary might be appointed to accompany the D. D. G. M. in his official capacity and take charge of this work, under his supervision; otherwise such records could be kept by a capable D. D. G. M.

I cannot conclude this report, Most Worshipful Sir, without expressing both acknowledgment and appreciation of the thoughtful kindness and consideration extended to me by the officers and members of the Lodges in this district during my term of office, and I bespeak for my successor the continuance of such courtesies.

I would also assure the Representatives of this august body that a most hearty and cordial welcome awaits them, at all times, whenever they grace District No. 5 with their presence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. PERCY CROOKSHANK, M. D.,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

That I have officially visited all the Lodges in my district, with the exception of Hartney, and this Lodge I hope to see at work before the close of the Masonic year.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19 — As I belong to Brandon Lodge, I have attended nearly all the meetings, and have made two official visits. Brandon Lodge is in excellent shape and doing good work. The officers are well-skilled and enthusiastic Masons. This Lodge is very fortunate in having a Secretary who takes great pride in his work, and spares no pains in carrying out the duties of his office.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris—I visited this Lodge officially on Friday, May 11th, at a regular meeting. This is one of the oldest Lodges in the district, and I feel it would be unfair not to make a reference to the expense the Souris brethren have gone to, and the taste displayed in the fitting up of their Masonic Home. Too often the Lodges

are poorly furnished and carelessly kept, and present anything but an attractive appearance. Glenwood Lodge is by far the best equipped of any in the district, and visitors are at once struck by the elegance and the bright and cheery appearance of the Lodge. The second degree was conferred and the work well done. The books are in good shape and the Lodge in a satisfactory condition.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden — Official visit, Tuesday, May 8th, at a regular meeting. As there was no degree work, the time of the meeting was spent in the discussion of various matters, having reference to Masonry in general, and Lebanon Lodge in particular evinced a knowledge of Masonry and Masonic jurisprudence, which was exceedingly creditable. I found the Secretary's books have been neglected to a considerable extent, and left instructions to have this matter looked into at once.

Oak Lake, No. 44, Oak Lake—Official visit, Thursday, May 10th; regular meeting. Saw third degree conferred. The work was well done and the officers showed an intelligent interest and desire to observe the landmarks and work in accordance. The Secretary, Bro. Helliwell, is to be congratulated on the way in which his work is done. Oak Lake Lodge owns its own hall.

Composite Lodge, No. 64, Alexander—Official visit, Tuesday, April 10th; regular meeting. This was a particularly pleasant visit. Accompanied by over a dozen members of the Brandon Lodge, I visited Composite Lodge and saw the third degree conferred in a manner that would be creditable to any of the City Lodges. The W. M. did splendid work and was ably supported by his officers. W. Bro. Fenwick is a model Secretary, and the affairs of the Lodge is in good shape and in excellent hands.

Elkhorn Lodge, U. D.—Acting under a Dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master, I instituted Elkhorn Lodge on the 18th September, 1899. This Lodge starts its Masonic career under very favorable auspices, and I think should be in a short time a good strong organization, though few in number. The brethren are good Masons, and have the welfare of our Order at heart, and start with a determination to succeed. This Lodge, under Bro. Cushing, will, I think, succeed, and make its influence felt in the neighborhood.

I am pleased to say that harmony reigns over the Sixth District. I have not been called upon to issue any dispensation or settle any dispute among the brethren.

There is an increase in membership, which, while not being very large, is of such a character as to guarantee that the interests of Mas-

onry will not be allowed to suffer. The meetings are held regularly and the attendance satisfactory, considering the number of brethren living in the country and who have to drive a long distance to attend.

The matter of payment of dues is not nearly as well looked after as it should be, and, strange to say, the smaller and weaker Lodges have the largest amount of arrears. The calls for relief have not been many, but I am glad to say have been responded to in a generous Masonic manner. Financially this district makes a good showing. Cash on hand, $896.08; liabilities, $401.00. The total of assets over liabilities is about $3,300, carrying $1,800 insurance, making a very satisfactory showing.

We had our annual Lodge of Instruction at Brandon in March, and held three sessions—morning, afternoon, and evening. The attendance was good, and we were favored with the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, accompanied by Bros. Baker and Windatt, of Winnipeg, whose presence and counsel were appreciated highly.

The only suggestions I care to make as to this district are:—

1. To spend a good deal more time and care in the Historical Register of each Lodge. This valuable work is neglected in nearly every case, and should not be, as in years to come these records will be very valuable and of historic interest..

2. Not to make too many changes among the officers. Too often we see an officer leave his post just when he is beginning to be useful and thoroughly know his work, and the Lodges are continually suffering from being under the control of officers new to the work. The Secretary especially should be retained as long as possible, and, whenever at all possible, should be paid for his work.

3. To continue holding Lodges of Instruction every year, and to try and interest the brethren so that they may feel that their expenditure of time and money have been more than repaid by the knowledge acquired.

In closing, I desire the brethren to accept my hearty thanks for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me D. D. G. M., as well as for the truly fraternal greeting and friendly manner in which they have welcomed me to their Lodges and homes, and my most earnest wish is that prosperity and brotherly love may long continue to shed their benign influence over the Sixth Masonic District.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. ROBINSON,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

My first official act was the institution of Duck Lake Lodge on the 23rd of August, 1899. I found the Duck Lake brethren very enthusiastic. The officers appeared familiar with the work and to have a proper appreciation of their duties, and I left them with every confidence in their ability and willingness to make the new Lodge a success. My thanks are due to R. W. Bro. D. McIntosh, of Regina, who assisted me in the ceremony; also to Bros. M. Banks, of Winnipeg; W. Knox, D. A. McGregor and W. R. Gunn, of Prince Albert, who kindly accompanied me and contributed greatly to the success of the meeting.

I was present officially at the annual festival meeting of Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert, on the 29th of December, 1899, for the purpose of installing their officers.

On the 21st of March, 1900, I paid my official visit to Duck Lake Lodge, U. D., Duck Lake, a special meeting having been called for the purpose. I was much pleased to find the great hopes which I had formed for this Lodge more than realized. Their comfortable hall was substantially furnished. They were provided with splendid collars and jewels for the officers, and all the paraphernalia necessary for the successful carrying on of the Lodge. All of these articles were paid for and a neat surplus in the treasury. The accounts and records were kept in a most careful and efficient manner. Altogether, I consider the outlook as regards this Lodge most encouraging, and should it please the Grand Lodge to grant it a charter, I have no hesitancy in offering my assurance that so long as its affairs are conducted as at present, there will be no reason for repenting of the act.

I visited Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert, on the 6th April. This being my own Lodge, my visit to a great extent was merely a matter of form. I am pleased to report it in a most flourishing condition, with a total membership of 53. The records and accounts are carefully kept, and everything in this respect I found perfectly satisfactory.

It was my full intention to have visited Battle Lodge, No. 38, Battleford, but I very much regret that circumstances occurred to prevent

it. I am sorry to report that I have learned from correspondence that the affairs of this Lodge are not in as flourishing a condition as I could desire. This I believe is not attributable to the members of the Lodge, but to the fact that many of the brethren have left the district. I trust, however, that the near future will witness a revival of Masonry in Battleford, and that Battle Lodge will again become what it has been in the past. It has a total membership to date of 21.

The arrears in all Lodges I find to be small, with a good surplus of assets over liabilities.

The property of each Lodge is fully covered by insurance.

I regret to have to report that the number of non-affiliates in this district is lamentably great. This is partly due to the apathy of individual members of Lodges, many of whom fail to realize their personal responsibility for this state of affairs. There are other reasons, which, however, I consider unwise to discuss in a report of this kind.

A noticeable feature throughout the district is the irregularity of attendance at Lodge meetings. As the success and usefulness of Masonry depends entirely upon the degree of interest manifested in it by individual brethren, this is certainly one of the most serious evils to be contended with. It is, of course, out of the question to devise any arbitrary measures to meet the case, which could be successfully applied. Realizing this, I have endeavored to impress upon all my brethren throughout the district the urgent necessity for individual exertions toward the remedy of this great evil.

In conclusion, I desire to convey my thanks to the brethren of Kinistino and Duck Lake Lodges for the kindness and consideration with which I have invariably been received by them. I have endeavored, so far as lay in my power, to merit the honor, which has been conferred upon me. I shall always look back upon my incumbency of this office with the greatest of pleasure, and venture to hope that my duties have been discharged in such a manner that the brethren will at least regard it as not detrimental to the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

C. O. DAVIDSON,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

I beg to hand you herewith my report as D. D. G. M. of the Eighth Masonic District. I regret that owing to my private avocation I was unable to visit all the Lodges in the district within the prescribed time. I have, however, during the year visited every Lodge, and will include as an appendix to my report the condition of the Lodges visited after the prescribed time, and trusting, Most Worshipful Sir, that under the circumstances that existed the report will be accepted.

My first official act was the installation of the officers of Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, under their charter, on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1899. A fair number of brethren were present. They have a good room, beautifully furnished. The work is well performed, and by the tabulated statement hereto, excellent progress has been made since dispensation. Books are correctly and neatly kept.

In the interest of this Lodge, however, I think it might be advisable if it were located in another district. Owing to its position and railway facilities, a trip cannot be made in less than five days from the main line, and believing it is their desire to change, would respectfully recommend that the request be granted. To visit the Lodge I had to drive about 185 miles.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33, I visited officially on November 17th. As this is the Lodge of which I am a member and also the Secretary, I had ample opportunity of seeing the work. It is well done, and I think the fact that to December 27th every member of the Lodge had paid all dues in full clearly indicates the condition of it.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34—I first visited on December 12th and found matters in a condition that should not exist. I was also with the Lodge on the 13th of February and March 21st. Not the right kind of interest appears to be taken. Difficulty was even experienced in the opening and closing ceremonies. Too many dues have been allowed to accumulate, otherwise the books are well kept.

On the 9th of March, assisted by W. Bro. Fitzgerald and members of Evening Star and Indian Head Lodges, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Wolseley Lodge, U.D. The brethren have secured a good room, and from the manner in which W. Bro. Pollock handled the gavel after installation and performed some of the work, I do not

think Masonry will be discredited in Wolseley. After the ceremony the Wolseley brethren entertained the visitors right loyally.

H. H. CAMPKIN,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

APPENDIX.

Wascana Lodge, No. 26—I visited this Lodge on May 1st. Although their regular meeting, there were but very few out and but little interest shown. The work performed was not the best. The minutes are not kept in the form prescribed, but I must add, in justification of Bro. Peart, the Secretary, he is trying to do his best, but has been following the forms of previous meetings instead of the Constitution. Of 56 members, 36 are one year or more in arrears, which total amount aggregates $313.48. Future prospects do not appear very bright.

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, I visited on May 2nd, but owing to running of trains and many of the officers and members being connected with the railway, I was not able to have a meeting in the afternoon. I met, however, a number of the brethren and inspected the books, which, I am pleased to say, are correctly and well kept. I learn that the work is well performed, and judging by the feeling shown, the best of harmony prevails. Prospects are bright.

N.W.M.P. Lodge, No. 61, I visited on the 3rd of May. This Lodge through circumstances beyond its control is in a condition that will require the consideration of Grand Lodge. All of the officers and members are away but two, either being drafted for Yukon Territory or volunteered for service in South Africa to fight the battles of our Queen. It therefore now renders it impossible to do work. The books have been well and properly kept.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34, I again visited on the 8th of May, and am pleased to say I found a better attendance and a little more life and energy shown. I trust the Lodge has taken a new lease of life.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35, I visited on the 9th of May, and considering the very short notice there was a good attendance. Work is well done. Books since January are properly kept. Prospects are bright. Old Masons take great interest. I was informed that out of thirteen P.M.'s nine were present at the meeting. Best of feeling prevails. Have a very comfortable room well furnished.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 47, I visited May 10th. This Lodge has not yet fully recovered its loss by fire, and the members are considerably inconvenienced for the want of a proper hall. A fair number of brethren

were present. The work was well performed. Books are neatly and correctly kept. A very pleasant evening was spent. The right spirit prevails here and good work is being done, and from indications shown I believe much good will be accomplished by Masonry in that county.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 57, I visited May 11th. A good attendance was present. The work was well performed, in fact, one of the best in the district. Books are kept in correct form. Dues have accumulated a little too much, but this is to be remedied forthwith. Perfect harmony prevails, and everything appears to be working well.

Wolseley Lodge, U. D., I again visited on May 14th. Attendance good. Work fair. No progress in membership has been made since dispensation was granted in March.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32, I visited on May 15th. The work was beautifully performed by W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, and the books are correctly and neatly kept by Bro. R. Williams. The Lodge room is elegantly furnished and the best of harmony prevails. This is the Banner Lodge of the district. Although there has been no change in the membership roll during the past year, I am pleased to note that interest has not decreased in the slightest. I also find that during the year some seven or eight addresses have been given by the members.

Respectfully submitted and regretting my failure to have completed in the prescribed time, Most Worshipful Sir.

Fraternally yours,

H. H. CAMPKIN,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in this district :—

I am happy to be able to report that all the Lodges in the district are in a prosperous condition, and have made a marked increase in membership during the past year.

I was installed as D. D. G. M. in Perfection Lodge, No. 60, by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. I. S. G. Van Wart, on the 12th of July, 1899.

The most important Masonic event of the year in this district was the laying of the corner stone of St. Luke's Church (Anglican) at Red Deer, Alta., on the 4th of September, 1899, and the instituting of Red Deer Lodge, U. D., at the same date. In these ceremonies M. W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara kindly assisted me. The beautiful silver trowel presented me by the Vestry of St. Luke's Church on the occasion is one of my most valued treasures.

There is only one death to report, Bro. R. M. Milne-Miller, of Red Deer Lodge, U. D., who went to South Africa just at the outbreak of the present war. He enlisted in the Natal Carbineers and was one of the brave defenders of Ladysmith. On the 18th of December last he visited Klip River Lodge, A. F. & A. M., E. R. One of the enemy's shells burst in the Lodge room, killing Bro. Miller and wounding several others. Red Deer Lodge has dedicated a page of their Historical Register to his memory. There has been no Lodge of Instruction held in this district during the year, although I find that it is the custom in all the Lodges to meet for practice. The Lodges are such a distance apart that there can be but little visiting. Edmonton and Strathcona Lodges are only three or four miles apart, and in Calgary we have two Lodges, but there are no other Lodges in the District within visiting distance of each other.

On the 27th December I installed the officers of Bow River and Perfection Lodges, assisted by R. W. Bro. I. S. G. Van Wart and W. Bros. Macdonald, Higgs, DeSousa, Gillies, Markely and Fraser.

Very soon after the 27th I was informed that the brethren of Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Lacombe, had not been able to hold their installation of officers at the regular time. I also found that not only the W. M. elect, but also the Master who had presided over the Lodge for the previous two years had not been installed. I procured a dispensation to hold their installation on the 4th of January, 1900. I was assisted by W. Bros. Markely, Finlator and Burdick. W. Bro. Fream and others, of Red Deer, were present.

To make sure that such irregularity did not occur in other Lodges, I issued a circular to all the Lodges in the district, asking information regarding the time of their installation, the names of those forming the Installing Board, and the names of the officers installed. I think it ought to be made the imperative duty of Secretaries of Lodges to send such information to the D. D. G. M. immediately after the installation, or, in case an installation was not held, to report the cause of such failure without delay.

On the 5th of January, 1900, a concert and ball were given by the

brethren in Calgary for the benefit of the Patriotic Fund. The proceeds, $750, was forwarded through the Toronto Globe.

I have found that in most of the Lodges there is not as much attention given to the Historical Register as should be; in some Lodges it has been entirely neglected. I have tried to impress upon the Secretaries of the Lodges the importance of this, and that it is a duty they owe to those who succeed them to keep a complete record and history of their Lodges. These Registers will be of the greatest interest to future generations.

During the year I have visited all the Lodges in the district, except Innisfail Lodge, No. 58. When I made my arrangements to visit the Lodges along the line of the C. & E., I fixed upon Monday, the 19th of March, as the time most convenient to visit Innisfail. But as the W. M. and several of the brethren live a long distance out in the country, it was thought that it would not be possible to get a satisfactory meeting except on one of the regular nights, so I consented to postpone my visit till their regular meeting in April or May. Unfortunately, I was unable to fill that appointment. I regret this very much, but under the circumstances I do not think that either the Lodge or myself can be censured for the failure. From enquiries made I found that the Lodge is in good financial standing. The W. M. has to drive 100 miles each time he attends the Lodge, and is more punctual than many Masters who have only to cross the street to reach the Lodge room. They are also fortunate in having a good secretary and a number of P.M.'s, who take an active interest in the work.

Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary—This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, although there is a greater amount of dues outstanding than there should be, greatly owing to carelessness of former secretaries. But I am happy to be able to say that this is being remedied by the present Secretary, W. Bro. J. deSousa. Several members of this Lodge are with the Canadian contingents serving in South Africa. The S. W. & S. D. are with the Strathcona Horse. I am a charter member and a constant attendant of this Lodge and can vouch for the correct manner in which the work is done.

Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Anthracite — I visited this Lodge on the 14th of December. There was a good attendance of the brethren. The third degree was conferred in splendid style. Cascade Lodge has always taken pride in its correct and impressive manner of conferring degrees. The books are in the best shape of any in the district — no debts, no delinquent dues, while their bank account shows a good balance to their credit. The Historical Register is written up to date.

They have a good, well-furnished set of rooms used for Masonic purposes only. They donated $100 to the Patriotic Fund.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton—On the 23rd of March I visited Edmonton Lodge. Among the visitors were R. W. Bro. T. F. English and W. Bros. Wilkins, May and MacKenzie, the W. M.'s of Bow River, Perfection and Eureka Lodges, and V. W. Bro. Moran, who has been recommended by the brethren petitioning for a dispensation to open a new Lodge at Fort Saskatchewan, as their first W. M. There was a large number of other visitors and a good attendance of the brethren. The second degree was exmplified in very good style—the officers were well up in their work. I found the books well kept. The Lodge is to be congratulated in having such a good Secretary and such an enthusiastic Master. The Master has not missed a meeting of the Lodge since he was initiated. The Lodge has purchased two lots on which to build a hall, and have considerable money out at interest.

Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary—I visited this Lodge officially on the 30th of November. I also installed their officers on the 27th of December. I have been a frequent visitor of this Lodge ever since it was instituted. They have always been fortunate in having their offices filled with skilled and enthusiastic workers. Their remarkable success in a great measure is to be attributed to this. They have made a most marked increase in membership during the past year. They, together with Bow River Lodge, Alberta Chapter of R. A. M., and Cypress Preceptory of K. T., meet in a large, well-furnished hall, which is used for Masonic purposes only.

Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Lacombe—I installed the officers of this Lodge on the 4th of January. Afterwards the second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. All the books of the Lodge are in good shape, except the Historical Register. I hope this will be attended to as promised. The Lodge, though small, is more than holding its own, and has prospects of more work in the future.

Acacia Lodge, No. 66, Strathcona—In company with a number of the brethren of Edmonton, I visited this Lodge on the 21st of March. The opening and closing was well done, but there was no work. The books are well kept, the Lodge room comfortable and well-furnished. The Lodge is in good hands and its prospects are good.

Red Deer Lodge, U. D., Red Deer—I instituted this Lodge on the 4th of September. On the 5th of January I visited it officially, and I was much pleased with the progress it had made. The second degree was conferred upon two candidates. The work could hardly be excelled by any Lodge in the district. The officers are well-posted and

take a keen interest in their work. They have convenient rooms and all the necessary paraphernalia. The books are well attended to. The Historical Register not only contains a full account of the present Lodge, but the Secretary has written up a short history of the former Lodge (Red Deer Lodge, No. 59), which was instituted several years ago, now extinct. I have much pleasure in being able without any reservation to recommend that a charter be granted to this Lodge. The Lodge has contributed $25 to the India Famine Fund.

In conclusion, I must recommend that this district either be divided or that some provision be made to pay the travelling expenses of the D.D.G.M. I have in the discharge of my duties travelled over 1,000 miles, and yet have not done all that should have been done. It has been a very important year in this Masonic district, and from all appearances my successor will have more work than I have had. There will be a Lodge to institute at Fort Saskatchewan, and probably at Olds and Leduc. If the expenses are to be paid by the Lodges it should be levied upon them in proportion to their membership, so that the smaller Lodges, those who need the help and encouragement of the D. D. G. M. the most, and are least able to bear the expense, will not be taxed so high as the large, flourishing Lodges, some of whose members generally hold the office.

Now that my term of office is at a close, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the unvarying kindness with which I have been received, and especially to acknowledge the promptness and courtesy of the secretaries of the Lodges in all my correspondence with them.

Fraternally submitted,

E. NELSON BROWN,
D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows :—

I have much pleasure in reporting on the state of Masonry in this district during the past year. Harmony prevails in every Lodge and

no complaints have been laid before me. I have made each Lodge an official visit, all of them being on their regular meeting nights, as I considered then the proper time to visit them. I was well received by the brethren in the different Lodges, every meeting proving to be very enjoyable and profitable.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, Medicine Hat—I visited this Lodge on February 13th. There was a large attendance. Among those present were Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Tweed and Right Worshipful Brother Finlay. I saw the first degree conferred in a most satisfactory manner. I also made a second visit on April 10th. There was a large attendance, among whom were Most Worshipful Brother Thos. Tweed, Right Worshipful Brother Finlay, and Brother Dr. McEachren, of St. Paul Lodge, Montreal. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred on two candidates, the work being well done by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Adsit, and his officers. The Senior Deacon, Dr. Smyth, gave the long lecture on the second degree, and it was the best I ever heard it given. I have been visiting Medicine Hat Lodge at different times for several years and always found them to do their work in a proper manner. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, as will be seen by the report.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37, Macleod, Alberta—I visited this Lodge on March 14th, and the attendance here was good. As the Worshipful Master, Brother Cunningham, had gone to the war, W. Bro. D. L. Murison acted as Worshipful Master, and the officers beautifully conferred the third degree. It gave me much pleasure to be present for the decorum was fine. This Lodge is doing good work, for the Worshipful Master and officers, also the brethren, seem to take a great interest in having everything done right. The Secretary, R. G. Mathews, could not find the date when returns were sent to the Grand Secretary, but was sure they had been sent.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, Pincher Creek, Alberta — I visited this Lodge on March 16th. Here also the attendance was good. The Worshipful Master, Brother John H. W. S. Kemmis, lives 22 miles from the Lodge and has not missed a meeting. Also several other members live from 22 to 35 miles away, and these have not missed a meeting, so we must conclude that the brethren of this Lodge have Masonry at heart, where it ought to be. I asked the Worshipful Master how they had such a good attendance, and he told me those who lived at a distance had to come to town once a month, so they had made arrangements to come at meeting time. I consider this the Banner Lodge of the district, and it is in a most flourishing condition.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, Maple Creek—I paid my official visit April 12th. This being my own Lodge, and as I was the first Worshipful Master, I take a great interest in it. I had the pleasure of seeing the E. A. degree conferred in a very creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Dixon, and his officers. For the last two years we have had a hard time to get enough members to hold our meetings, but the future looks brighter. Nearly all our members belonged to the N. W. M. Police, but they have been moved to different places, which left us short of members to hold our meetings, but I hope this will be a thing of the past and that we shall be able to give a better account of Maple Leaf Lodge meetings at the next Grand Lodge.

North Star Lodge, No. 41, Lethbridge, Alberta — I visited this Lodge on March 12th, the attendance being good and the brethren well up to their work. I saw the Fellowcraft degree exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Brother Hugh Scott, and his officers, the work being well done. I looked over the books with the Secretary, Brother Nedham. He could not find the date when returns were sent to the Grand Secretary, but was sure they had been sent. The books seemed to be neatly kept and were in good order. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, as will be seen by the report.

In conclusion, I beg to thank all my Masonic brethren throughout the district for the cordial reception with which I have been received by all the Lodges, and tender my thanks to R. W. Brother W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, for his kindnes to me in answering all questions which I submitted to him.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM BARNWELL,
D.D.G.M., Tenth Masonic District.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, presented his annual report, as follows :

RECEIPTS.

To balance		$1257 80
Oct. 24—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	$ 200 00	
Oct. 31—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00	
Nov. 27—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00	
Nov. 30—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00	
Dec. 27—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00	
1900.		
Jan. 11—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	200 00	
Jan. 26—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	500 00	
Feb. 28—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	300 00	
Mar. 27—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	450 00	
Mar. 29—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	250 00	
Mar. 31—To Deposit, W. G. Scott	277 01	
		$2977 01
		$4234 81

EXPENDITURES.

Mar. 31—Order 842, Masonic Temple	$ 50 00
Mar. 31—Order 843, W. G. Scott	175 00
Apr. 13—Order 844, Thos. W. Taylor	4 00
Apr. 13—Order 845, W. G. Scott	6 50
Apr. 13—Order 846, E. W. Rugg & Co.	11 85
Apr. 13—Order 847, W. G. Scott	17 26
Apr. 13—Order 848 McIntyre Bros.	18 00
Apr. 13—Order 849, W. G. Scott	34 60
July 19—Order 850, Geo. B. Murphy	100 00
July 19—Order 851, A. D. Wright	15 00
July 19—Order 852, W. G. Scott	175 00
July 19—Order 853, W. C. Copeland	35 00
July 19—Order 854, Masonic Temple	50 00

Oct. 13—Order 855, Masonic Temple	100 00
Oct. 30—Order 856, H. S. Griffith	8 00
Oct. 30—Order 857, Canadian Union Assurance Co	4 50
Oct. 30—Order 858, W. G. Scott	9 79
Oct. 30—Order 859, The Guarantee Co. of North America	11 25
Oct. 30—Order 860, W. G. Scott	11 71
Oct. 30—Order 861, W. G. Scott	14 60
Oct. 30—Order 862, W. G. Scott	13 49
Oct. 30—Order 863, Hartford Fire Insurance Co.	17 60
Oct. 30—Order 864, W. G. Scott	16 89
Oct. 30—Order 865, E. W. Rugg & Co.	23 75
Oct. 30—Order 866, W. G. Scott	42 28
Oct. 30—Order 867, D. R. Dingwall	50 00
Oct. 30—Order 868, G. P. Dolsen	52 00
Oct. 30—Order 869, The Copp-Clark Co.	161 50
Oct. 30—Order 870, E. A. Struthers	5 00
Oct. 30—Order 871, W. G. Scott	175 00
Dec. 28—Order 872, W. G. Scott	175 00
1900.	
Jan. 26—Order 873, Bulman Bros. & Co.	6 00
Jan. 26—Order 874, Gray Smith	6 00
Jan. 26—Order 875, E. W. Rugg & Co.	21 45
Jan. 26—Order 883, McIntyre Bros.	258 10
Jan. 26—Order 877, G. P. Dolsen	11 00
Jan. 26—Order 878, W. G. Scott	26 92
Jan. 26—Order 879, W. G. Scott	44 20
Jan. 26—Order 880, W. G. Scott	35 00
Jan. 26—Order 881, W. G. Scott	40 00
Jan. 26—Order 882, Masonic Temple	50 00
Mar. 31—Order 884, T. W. Taylor	6 50
Mar. 31—Order 885, Bell & Armytage	13 00
Mar. 31—Order 886, Consolidated Stationery Co.	14 75
Mar. 31—Order 887, G. P. Dolsen	13 25
Mar. 31—Order 888, W. G. Scott	15 47
Mar. 31—Order 889, W. G. Scott	40 73
Mar. 31—Order 890, W. G. Scott	49 20
Mar. 31—Order 891, Manitoba Free Press Co.	318 00
Mar. 31—Order 892, The Stovel Co.	449 00
Mar. 31—Order 893, W. G. Scott	175 00
Mar. 31—Order 894, W. G. Scott	75 00
By balance	953 22
	$4234 81

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

DR.

To Balance from 1898	$ 374 88	
May 31—To Interest	5 59	
Aug. 11—To W. G. Scott	200 00	
Nov. 30—To Interest	7 22	
		$ 587 69

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By Balance	$ 587 69

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

DR.

To Balance from 1898	$ 39 63	
May 31—To Interest	58	
Nov. 30—To Interest	60	
		$ 40 81

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By Balance	$ 40 81

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND.

Jan. 26—Order 876, Consolidated Stationery Co.	28 45	
Feb. 28, To Deposit, W. G. Scott	$ 30 00	
May 31, To Interest	22	
Nov. 30, To Interest	45	
1900.		
Feb. 5, To Deposit, W. G. Scott	138 65	
	$ 169 32	
By Balance		$ 169 32

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, presented his annual report, as follows :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

In accordance with Constitutional requirement, I submit my Nineteenth Annual Report, containing a summary of the transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and the usual number distributed, as in previous years. The delay—an unusual one—was caused by circumstances beyond my control. A few days after the close of the session of Grand Lodge I was called to Minnesota, where I was detained several weeks owing to the illness and death of my father, and on my return I was, on the advice of my physician, compelled to abstain from office work for several weeks and seek rest and change. I mention these matters in extenuation of delays in the performance of some of my official duties, which during the past year have been exceptionally onerous and exacting.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The new edition of fifteen hundred copies of the Constitution was received from the printers on May 1st. The volume contains 160 pages, exclusive of the index, which covers 31 closely printed pages.

MASONIC CEREMONIALS.

An edition of five hundred copies of Masonic Ceremonials was printed in March. This volume contains Ceremonies of Instituting Lodges under Dispensation ; Constituting and Consecrating Lodges; Dedication of Masonic Halls; Installation of Officers of Subordinate Lodges; Laying Corner Stones; Reception of Visitors, and Burial Service.

NEW BURIAL SERVICE.

The new Burial Service adopted by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication was printed and ready for distribution in January last. This new form is specially adapted for use in cold or inclement weather.

STANDARD CODE OF BY-LAWS.

A Standard Code of By-Laws was adopted at the last Annual Communication for the government of Lodges under Dispensation, and for all Lodges in the Jurisdiction that have not adopted by-laws. An edition of five hundred copies has been printed, and copies may be obtained at this office.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and consecrated, and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz.:—

Vermillion Lodge, No. 68, at Dauphin, in the Second Masonic District; constituted August 12th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Gregor St. Clair McGregor, District Deputy Grand Master.

Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, at Yorkton, in the Eighth Masonic District; constituted August 12th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin, District Deputy Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

The following Lodges not having worked under dispensation for a period of four months, as required by our Constitution, the M.W. Grand Master authorized the continuance of the dispensation until June 1st, 1900, viz. :—

Shiloh Lodge, at Roland, in the Third Masonic District.

Crystal Lodge, at Crystal City, in the Fourth Masonic District.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges have been issued:—

Elkhorn Lodge, at Elkhorn, in the Sixth Masonic District. Dispensation issued July 27th, 1899. Seven charter members. Bro. Wm. M. Cushing, W. Master; Bro. Joseph Williamson, Senior Warden; Bro. George Thomson Rogers, Junior Warden. Instituted Sept.

18th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Joseph M. Robinson, District Deputy Grand Master.

Red Deer Lodge, at Red Deer, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued July 27th, 1899. Twelve charter members. Bro. Sidney Philip Fream, W. Master; Bro. Philisk Pidgeon, Senior Warden; Bro. George Wellington Greene, Junior Warden. Instituted September 14th, 1899, by R. W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, District Deputy Grand Master.

Duck Lake Lodge, at Duck Lake, in the Seventh Masonic District. Dispensation issued July 27th, 1899. Eight charter members. Bro. William Fawcett, W. Master; Bro. Robert Sutherland McKenzie, Senior Warden; Bro. Joseph A. McIntyre, Junior Warden. Instituted August 23rd, 1899, by R.W. Bro. Charles Oscar Davidson, District Deputy Grand Master.

Gothic Lodge, at Austin, in the Second Masonic District. Dispensation issued January 20th, 1900. Ten charter members. W. Bro. William Taylor Speed, W. Master; Bro. William Henry Duncan, Senior Warden; Bro. Robert Bruce Oswald, Junior Warden. Instituted January 24th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. George St. Clair McGregor, District Deputy Grand Master.

Wolseley Lodge, at Wolseley, in the Eighth Masonic District. Dispensation issued February 8th, 1900. Nine charter members. Bro. James Pollock, W. Master; Bro. Francis Bell Reilly, Senior Warden; Bro. James Allan Hill, Junior Warden.

Instituted March 9th, 1900, by R. W. Bro. Harry Herbert Campkin, District Deputy Grand Master.

Petitions have been received from ten brethren residing at Fort Saskatchewan, in the Ninth Masonic District, praying for a Dispensation to form a Lodge to be named Victoria Lodge, and from eight brethren residing at Napinka, in the Fourth Masonic District, praying for a Dispensation to form a Lodge to be named Napinka Lodge.

Owing to the late date on which these petitions were received the Grand Master deemed it advisable to defer action until after the Communication of Grand Lodge.

HALL DEDICATED.

The Hall of East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna, in the First Masonic District, was dedicated on November 10th, 1899, by M. W. Bro. John

Leslie, Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bro. W. A. Windatt, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. Marchall Lawrie and others.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:—

July 31st, 1899—R. W. Bro. John Myles O'Loughlin, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, vice R. W. Bro. John Chambers, deceased.

January 1st, 1900 — R. W. Bro. John McKechnie, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge, of Michigan, for the triennial period ending January 1st, 1903.

January 4th, 1900—R. W. Bro. William Edward Hazley, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

May 7th, 1900—W. Bro. John Robert Jones, of Winnipeg, from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, vice R. W. Bro. William Arthur Lang.

May 10th, 1900—V. W. Bro. Archibald B. Gillis, of Whitewood, from the Grand Lodge of Arizona, vice R. W. Bro. James Andrew Payne.

Near Other Grand Lodges.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master commissions were issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges as follows:—

October 14th, 1899—R. W. Bro. Rev. C. G. Martin, of Sandusky, near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, vice R. W. Bro. C. F. Baldwin, deceased.

November 1st, 1899—R. W. Bro. Job J. King, of O'Neil, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, vice R.W. Bro. Edwin F. Warren, deceased.

January 4th, 1900—R. W. Bro. Edward P. Hare, of Tacoma, near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M. W. Grand Master:—

Date.	No.	Name.	For What Granted.
1899.			
June 17	60	Perfection	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	54	Oriental	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	53	Edmonton	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	65	Eureka	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	28	Bow River	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	36	Doric	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 22	13	Belmont	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
July 1	64	Composite	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 1	33	Indian Head	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 1	58	Innisfail	To re-ballot on a rejected candidate.
" 5	43	Lebanon	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 8	27	Glenwood	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 10	52	Hartney	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 20	50	Killarney	To hold special installation of officers.
Aug. 2	28	Bow River	To confer the M. M. Degree within the prescribed time.
" 9	44	Oak Lake	To hold special installation of officers.
" 12	29	Carberry	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 26	53	Edmonton	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
Dec. 26	29	Carberry	To hold special installation of officers.
1900.			
Jan. 5	65	Eureka	To hold special installation of officers.
" 5	68	Vermillion	To hold special installation of officers.
" 5	34	Qu'Appelle	To hold special election and installation of officers.
April 6	48	Glenboro.	To hold special election and installation of officers.
May 25	35	Moosomin	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 31	28	Bow River	To wear Masonic clothing in public procession.
June 6	47	Ashlar	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. W. Grand Master, on December 1st, 1899, examined, revised and approved the By-laws of Acacia Lodge, No. 66.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M. W. Grand Master examined, revised and approved amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:—

July 31, 1899—Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1.
November 30, 1899—Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
December 1, 1899—Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.
December 1, 1899—Ionic Lodge, No. 25.
December 26, 1899—Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.
January 4, 1900—Manitou Lodge, No. 30.
March 26, 1900—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53.

CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING ISSUED.

Certificates of good standing have been issued to former members of extinct Lodges, as follows :—

October 22, 1899—James Laidlaw, Pembina Lodge, No. 20.
October 24, 1899—James Brindle, Red Deer Lodge, No. 59.
January 20, 1900—Stephen Wilson, Red Deer Lodge, No. 59.
January 26, 1900—Walter Claude Thorburn, Wapananung Lodge, No. 46.
February 12, 1900 — Thomas Stanton Menary, Pembina Lodge, No. 20.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS ISSUED.

A duplicate charter was issued by order of the M. W. Grand Master to Deloraine Lodge, No. 40, the original having been destroyed by fire.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

It gives me great pleasure to report once more a greater degree of promptness in the preparation and transmission to this office of the half-yearly returns. How far the fine to which Lodges are now liable for neglect in this respect have contributed towards this improvement is a matter for conjecture. I regret, however, to report that these returns in the cases of fully two-thirds of our Lodges show carelessness or incompetence on the part of the Secretary in their completion, fully that number having been returned for correction.

Our laws require the Grand Secretary to report at each Annual Communication all Lodges that have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of the Constitution. In accordance therewith it be-

comes my duty to report that the following Lodges failed to forward the returns within the statutory time, viz.:—

Oakland, No. 9.
Belmont, No. 13.
Corinthian, No. 15.
Wascana, No. 23.
Neepawa, No. 24.
Moose Jaw, No. 26.
Bow River, No. 28.
Moosomin, No. 35.
Alberta, No. 37.
Battle, No. 38.
Birtle, No. 39.
North Star, No. 41.
Lebanon, No. 43.
Oak Lake, No. 44.
Ashlar, No. 47.
Glenboro, No. 48.
Temple, No. 49.
Killarney, No. 50.
Edmonton, No. 53.
Oriental, No. 54.
Perfection, No. 60.

The December returns of the following Lodges did not reach this office until February, viz. :—

Oakland, No. 9. Belmont, No. 15.

The fine of $5.00, as provided by our Constitution was imposed upon these two delinquent Lodges.

Notwithstanding belated and incorrect returns, it gives me infinite pleasure to report for the tenth time that every Lodge has made returns, and paid all fees and dues.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to December 27th, 1899, indicates a moderate and steady growth, and shows that Masonry is keeping pace with the general progress of the Canadian Northwest :—

Increase.

Initiated		235
Passed	230	
Raised	222	
Joined		141
Restored		17
Total increase for the year		393

Decrease.

Demitted	122
Died	21
Suspended N. P. D.	28
Suspended U. M. C.	1
Total decrease for the year	172
Leaving a net gain of	221
Total membership	3091

FINANCIAL.

It will be gratifying to the members of Grand Lodge to learn that its finances are in a satisfactory condition, the past year having been the most prosperous in its history. When the books were closed on March 31st there was a balance of $947.63 at the credit of the General Account, the total receipts having been $3,177.01 and the expenditure $3,281.69. Owing to the change in our fiscal year from December 31st to March 31st it was found necessary to provide for the expenses of Grand Lodge for a period of fifteen months, while the revenue was practically for twelve months.

The sum of $200.00 was repaid to the special account, leaving a balance of $300 still due.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

In my opinion the time has come when a suitable office should be provided for the Grand Secretary in the Masonic Temple, especially as Grand Lodge is now paying a sum for which more suitable quarters could be obtained elsewhere. The present office known as the Grand Secretary's office is artificially lighted and the air therein so foul that it is unfit for a person of the strongest constitution to work in.

I would suggest that the room at present used as a Library and Reading Room be used as the Grand Secretary's office and Library, the book-cases remaining therein, and the periodicals transferred to the banquet room. By this change brethren visiting the City from our own and other jurisdictions could visit the Library and the Grand Secretary's office, and that official could have as comfortable and convenient an office as can be provided in the building.

RETROSPECTION.

This, the beginning of the second quarter century of the existence of our Grand Lodge, is to me personally a time of peculiar interest. Twenty-five years ago I had the great pleasure of being admitted to Masonic light, being the first Mason initiated under our Grand Lodge.

As the eldest son of the Grand Lodge, as one who has been present at every Annual Communication except two, and as one who has been an elective officer for twenty consecutive years, I may at the risk of trespassing upon your patience place before you statistics of the growth of Masonry in the Canadian Northwest since representatives of the three chartered Lodges of Manitoba, viz., Prince

Rupert's Lodge, No. 240, of Winnipeg; Lisgar Lodge, No. 244, of Lower Fort Garry, and Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 288 of Winnipeg, met in the City of Winnipeg for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge for the Province. Three Lodges, then, with a total membership of 203, and there are now sixty chartered Lodges with a membership of 3,091.

The records of this office show the following gains and losses for twenty-five years:—

Gains.

Initiated	3626
Joined	2215
Restored	293
	6134

Losses.

Dimitted	1885
Suspended N. P. D.	1092
Suspended U. M. C.	29
Died	286
	3292
Net gain for the period	2842

Since our organization sixty-six Lodges have been chartered. Seven Lodges have become extinct, viz. :—

Hiram, No. 5 ; Saskatchewan, No. 7 ; Al Moghieb Al Aksa, No. 18 ; Pembina, No. 20 ; Marquette, No. 21 ; Wa-pan-an-ung, No. 46 ; and Red Deer, No. 59, and one, Pegnonga Lodge, No. 22, at Rat Portage, transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

During that period brethren who have filled elective offices have "entered into" rest as follows :—

Past Grand Masters	5
Past Grand Senior Wardens	3
Past Grand Junior Wardens	1
Past District Deputy Grand Masters	8
Past Grand Treasurers	1
Past Grand Secretaries	1
Past Grand Registrars	1
Past Grand Chaplains	1
Past Grand Tylers	2

The list of "Death's Doings" is a long one and embraces names that we recall with respect and veneration—W. Bros. Rev. W. C. Clarke, W. N. Kennedy, John H. Bell, Thomas Clark, J. W. H. Wilson and other distinguished brethren.

Of those who were present and took part in the organization of our Grand Lodge only five are now living, viz. : M.W. Bro. George Black, M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, R.W. Bro. James Henderson, R.W. Bro. H. T. Champion and R.W. Bro. John J. Johnston.

VALEDICTORY.

And now, brethren of the Grand Lodge, the exacting duties of a public office requiring my undivided attention, my work as Grand Secretary must cease. The time has come for me to say the final words of official separation, and it is needless for me to add that I do so with feelings of sadness. For twenty years I have labored among you and have endeavored with all the ability I possessed to promote the interests of Craft Masonry, and especially those of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. With my associate officers my relations have been on the whole of the most pleasant character, and in looking back over the long period of my connection with them it will ever be with feelings of unmingled satisfaction and pride that I shall recall the times when it was my privilege to share these labors and honors with them. To these brethren, to my brother Grand Secretaries throughout the Masonic world from whom I have so often received many kindnesses, and to that goodly band of Masons of our own jurisdiction which during my term of service has grown from three hundred and sixty to three thousand and ninety, to one and all as Grand Secretary, I bid you "Adieu, a heart-warm fond adieu."

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

THE GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH GRAND LODGE.

Monies Received between January 1st, 1899, and March 31st, 1900.

No.	Name of Lodge.		No.	Name of Lodge.	
1.	Prince Rupert's	$116 00	34.	Qu'Appelle	27 00
2.	Lisgar	31 50	35.	Moosomin	49 75
3.	Ancient Landmark	92 25	36.	Doric	42 75
4.	St. John's	111 50	37.	Alberta	91 50
6.	Emerson	28 50	38.	Battle	22 50
7.	Assiniboine	58 25	39.	Birtle	20 25
8.	King Solomon	45 50	40.	Deloraine	41 50
9.	Oakland	43 50	41.	North Star	56 00
10.	Northern Light	63 00	42.	Cascade	49 50
11.	Gladstone	19 00	43.	Lebanon	38 75
12.	Stonewall	20 50	44.	Oak Lake	36 10
13.	Belmont	60 50	45.	Spitzie	59 75
14.	Prince of Wales	54 00	47.	Ashlar	21 50
15.	Corinthian	16 25	48.	Glenboro	24 00
16.	Kinistino	43 00	49.	Temple	39 00
19.	Brandon	124 75	50.	Killarney	20 25
23.	Wascana	41 00	51.	Treherne	32 50
24.	Neepawa	34 05	52.	Hartney	40 00
25.	Ionic	71 25	53.	Edmonton	42 75
26.	Moose Jaw	67 75	54.	Oriental	19 00
27.	Glenwood	29 00	55.	East Star	15 00
28.	Bow River	98 50	56.	Maple Leaf	13 00
29.	Carberry	37 00	57.	Evening Star	32 75
30.	Manitou	37 15	58.	Innisfail	55 00
31.	Medicine Hat	33 50	60.	Perfection	71 75
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	17 00	61.	N. W. M't'd Police	20 25
33.	Indian Head	42 00	62.	Russell	43 50

No.	Name of Lodge.	
63.	Holland	23 75
64.	Composite	18 75
65.	Eureka	20 25
66.	Acacia	20 75
67.	Wawanesa	24 25
68.	Vermillion	73 85
69.	Yorkton	103 60
	Shiloh	88 40
	Crystal	35 40
	Duck Lake	25 00
	Elkhorn	25 00
	Red Deer	2 00
	Gothic	25 00
	Wolseley	25 00
Other sources as follows:		
	Past Master's Certificates	1 00
	Blank Books and Forms	196 21
	Extinct Lodges	7 00
		$3177 01

CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from January 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.	
1900.		1899.	
Mar. 31. To Receipts	$3177 01	Aug. 11. By Grand Treas. Special Acct.	$200 00
		Oct. 24. By Grand Treas	200 00
		Oct. 31. By Grand Treas.	200 00
		Nov. 27. By Grand Treas	200 00
		Nov. 30. By Grand Treas.	200 00
		Dec. 27. By Grand Treas	200 00
		1900.	
		Jan. 11. By Grand Treas.	200 00
		Jan. 26. By Grand Treas.	500 00
		Feb. 28. By Grand Treas.	300 00
		Mar. 27. By Grand Treas.	450 00
		Mar. 29. By Grand Treas.	250 00
		Mar. 31. By Grand Treas.	277 01
	$3177 01		$3177 01

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

From January 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900.

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
842	The Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, Rent to March 31st, 1899	$50 00
843	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to March 31, 1899	175 00
844	Thomas W. Taylor, Stationery	4 00
845	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, disbursements for Insurance, etc.	6 50
846	E. W. Rugg & Co., Blank Books and Forms, etc.	11 85
847	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Telegrams, Fixtures, etc.	17 26
848	McIntyre Bros., Stationery, etc.	18 00
849	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	34 60
850	Geo. B. Murphy, Grant for Expenses	100 00
851	A. D. Wright, Services as Acting Grand Tyler	15 00
852	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to June 30, 1899	175 00
853	W. C. Copeland, Chairman Committee on Credentials and Reception, Expenses to Regina	35 00
854	The Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, Rent to June 30th, 1899	50 00
855	The Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg, Rent to December 31st, 1899	100 00
856	H. S. Griffith, Engrossing Charters, etc.	8 00
857	The Commercial Union Assurance Co., premium Grand Master's Regalia	4 50
858	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Telegraphing, Insurance, etc.	9 79
859	The Guarantee Co. of North America, premium Grand Secretary's Bond	11 25
860	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Telegraphing, Express Charges, etc.	11 71
861	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	14 60
862	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Telegraphing, Express Charges, etc.	13 49
863	The Hartford Fire Insurance Co., premium on Books in Library	17 60

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
864	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Expenses to and at Regina	16 89
865	E. W. Rugg & Co., Printing, etc.	23 75
866	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	42 28
867	D. R. Dingwall, Chain Collar for Thomas Robinson	50 00
868	G. P. Dolsen, Printing, etc.	52 00
869	The Copp, Clark Co., Certificates, etc.	161 50
870	Russell Lodge, No. 62, refund one-half Dispensation Fee	5 00
871	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to Sept. 30, 1899	175 00
872	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to Dec. 31, 1899	175 00
873	Bulman Bros. & Co., Printing Funeral Odes	6 00
874	Gray & Smith, Photographs for Cabinet	6 10
875	E. W. Rugg & Co., Forms, etc.	21 45
876	The Consolidated Stationery Co., Forms, etc.	28 45
877	G. P. Dolsen, Printing	11 00
878	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements, Stationery, etc.	26 92
879	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	44 20
880	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Assistance Revising Proofs, etc.	35 00
881	Maynard Merrill & Co., Life Membership Certificates	40 00
882	Masonic Temple Ass'n, Winnipeg, Rent to March 31, 1900	50 00
883	McIntyre Bros., Printing Proceedings, etc.	258 10
884	Thomas W. Taylor, Postal Tubes, etc.	6 50
885	Bell & Armytage, Lodge Seals	13 00
886	The Consolidated Stationery Co., Printing	14 75
887	G. P. Dolsen, Printing, etc.	13 25
888	General Masonic Relief Association, U. S. and Canada Yearly Subscription	15 47
889	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Disbursements for Express Charges, etc.	40 73
890	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	49 20
891	Manitoba Free Press Co., Printing Ceremonials and Burial Services	318 00
892	The Stovel Co., Printing Constitutions	449 00
893	Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to March 31, 1900	175 00
894	Wm. G. Scott, Librarian, 1899 Grant	75 00
		$3281 69

STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

March 31, 1900.

11 Charters	$33 00
306 Grand Lodge Certificates	91 80
23 Past Master Certificates	7 13
94 Life Membership Certificates	53 61
1354 Constitutions	426 51
499 Ceremonials	189 82
972 Burial Services	136 08
Constitutions and Ceremonials	3 00
Fixtures	732 37
Library Fixtures	349 65
Regalia	174 70
Blank Books and Forms	146 07
Library	1583 68
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer	947 63
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Special Account	587 69
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Benevolent Account	40 81
	$5503 55

YEARLY STATEMENT.

March 31st, 1900.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$120 00
Charters	97 00
Constitutions	32 76
Initiations	470 00
Dues	1458 75
Certificates	375 87
Life Membership Fees	30 00
Life Membership Certificates	3 36
Past Master Certificates	27 77
Blank Books and Forms	111 73
Extinct Lodges	7 00
By-laws	77
Fines	10 00
Constitutions and Ceremonials	6 00
Ceremonials	42
Interest	18 78
Lodge Seals	8 00

LOSSES.

Fixtures	$38 06
Expense	63 35
Printing	372 85
Books and Stationery	53 11
Postage	199 48
Rent	250 00
Telegraphing	22 03
Salaries	875 00
Library Fixtures	18 40
Regalia	9 00
Contingent Expenses	28 31

Special Grants	115 00	
Insurance	37 60	
Testimonials	50 00	
Quarter-Centennial Celebration Expenses	3 25	
Expenses of Committee on Credentials	35 00	
Burial Services	17	
Net Gain	610 40	
	$2781 21	2781 21

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

From January 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900.

Initiations	$470 00
Dues	1458 75
Certificates	450 00
Past Master Certificates	38 00
Life Membership Fees	30 00
Life Membership Certificates	6 00
Constitutions	75 25
Ceremonials	60
Constitutions and Ceremonials	6 00
Burial Services	2 75
Blank Books and Forms	340 26
Extinct Lodges	7 00
Charters	129 00
Dispensations	125 00
Lodge Seals	21 00
By-laws	7 40
Fines	10 00
	$3177 01

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Lodge Librarian, presented his annual report, as follows :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

I have the honor to submit my report (the fourteenth) as your Librarian, and regret to say that there have not been as many additions to the Library as in previous years. Since my last Annual Report was submitted there have been added to the Library the following :—

PROCEEDINGS DONATED.

Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. W. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. George W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 1899, the gift of R. W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1900, the gift of R. W. Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1899, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1899, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R. for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States for 1899, the gift of R.W. Bro. Fred. Webber, Secretary General.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED.

The Law of Freemasonry in Indian Territory, the gift of R. W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Murrow, Grand Secretary.

The Masonic Code of Alabama, the gift of R. W. Bro. H. C. Armstrong, Grand Secretary.

The Masonic Code of Iowa (1898), the gift of R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The Constitution and By-laws of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, the gift of R. W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES DONATED.

Bro. Frank Church donated to the Library two volumes entitled "Forty-one Years in India," by Field Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar. Bro. Church is now in South Africa fighting the battles of his Queen and Country, as a member of the Canadian Contingent.

The Grand Lodge is also indebted to R.W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank for a large number of Blackwood's and other magazines, which should be bound as soon as the finances of Grand Lodge will warrant the expenditure.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are again due to Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying the Congressional Record.

The following books have been purchased during the year :

The Railroad Question, by William Larrabee.

Canada : An Encyclopaedia of the Country, by J. Castell Hopkins, Vol. V.

John Black, the Apostle of the Red River, by Rev. George Bryce, M.A., L.L.D.

History of the Missions to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, by Rev. James Robertson.

Sketches from America, by John White.

The History of Freemasonry in Canada, by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (2 vols.).

Volume of Poems, by R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

The Grey Man, by S. R. Crockett.

The Raiders, by S. R. Crockett.

A small collection of rare books, valued at $7.20, was lost in the wreck of the Scotsman in September, 1899.

A complete set (16 volumes) of the works of Francis Parkman has been ordered.

A number of Proceedings and periodicals necessary to complete fyles have been purchased during the past year.

REPRINT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Reprints of Proceedings of the following Grand Bodies have been received from the Masonic Collectors' Association, viz. :

Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Texas.

Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for the year ending, with Annual Communication, June 24th, 1868.

READING ROOM.

The sum of $75.00, voted by the Winnipeg Lodges, has been expended during the past year in providing periodicals, etc., for the Reading Room, the interest in which, notwithstanding the excellent literature provided, does not increase.

THANKS TO PUBLISHERS.

Our thanks are again tendered the publishers of the following

papers, magazines, etc., for their kindness in regularly supplying, free of charge, copies of their respective publications, viz. :

"The Telegram," Toronto, daily edition.
"Manitoba Free Press," Winnipeg, daily edition.
"The Silent Echo," Winnipeg, monthly.
"The American Tyler," Chicago.
"The Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
"The Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
"The Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"The Australian Keystone," Melbourne, Victoria.
"The Freemason," Toronto, Ont.
"The Craftsman," Toronto, Ont.
"The Square and Compass," New Orleans, La.
"The Tennessee Mason."

CONCLUSION.

I have no recommendations to make regarding the Library, but will leave my successor to continue the work which during the past year has, owing to pressure of other duties, been neglected. While my labor in this connection has been one of love, it is a question whether the brother who is to succeed me should be expected to continue the work—which is constantly on the increase—without remuneration.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. G. SCOTT,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank (15), the report of the Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

We, your Committee on the Condition of Masonry, respectfully present our report.

We have very carefully examined District Deputy Grand Masters' Reports of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

District No. 1.

It is very gratifying to be able to commence this report with a note of congratulation and commendation. We refer to R. W. Bro. Lawrie's report, District No. 1. He tells us that he has endeavored to do his duty as D. D. G. M. without fear or favor, and that he feels he has done our Craft some little good. This must always be the result of duty so performed. We congratulate our brother on visiting every Lodge in his district, with the exception of St. John's, No. 4. This was no fault of his, but owing to an imperfection in the calendar issued by the Lodge of Perfection, re dates. It is always better for D. D. G. Masters to send notice of their intended visit, then no mistake should happen, re dates, etc.

It is gratifying to learn that District No. 1 is in a flourishing condition, every Lodge being active, strong and full of harmony. One thing we note, which must have lightened the labors of our Grand Secretary, and that is, that in every instance the half-yearly returns were promptly sent in. Out of a membership of 912 there have only been five deaths. There has been an increase of 27 members.

District No. 2.

R. W. Bro. G. St. C. McGregor has again justified his election to the responsible office of D. D. G. M. During his second term of office

he has paid each Lodge in his district two visits, and reports well of all the Worshipful Masters, stating that they are well skilled and enthusiastic, and ably supported by the other officers. On August 12th, 1899, Vermillion Lodge, No. 68, Lake Dauphin, was instituted. On April 3rd a second visit was paid and everything found working successfully. A great future is predicted for this Lodge. Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7, has lost one of its Past Masters, viz., W. Bro. G. C. Woodside, by sudden death. Gladstone Lodge still keeps up its reputation, with R. W. Bro. T. L. Morton at its head. Neepawa Lodge, No. 24, is still making good progress. R.W. Bro. McGregor's second visit was signalized by the holding of a Board of Installed Masters, when ten Past Masters were present; the Past Masters' degree was conferred. Carberry Lodge, No. 29, is in good hands, as also is Temple Lodge, No. 49. At MacGregor, work is well done, and harmony prevails. The latter Lodge is resplendent with new regalia. Gothic Lodge, Austin, was instituted on January 24th, 1900, and on his second visit, April 16th, the D. D. G. M. found all well, and from later reports received, this Lodge is doing excellent work. There has been an increase in this district, as in District No. 1, of 27 members.

District No. 3.

R. W. Bro. Crawley reports having visited all the Lodges in his district. Oakland Lodge, No. 9, is not in as prosperous a condition as your Committee would like to report, but this probably is on account of fire having visited the Lodge and destroyed their books, etc. It is sincerely hoped that the brethren will recognize their position and rise above all drawbacks. Glenboro Lodge, No. 48, is in a lamentable condition. Hardly any meetings have been held, no record given, and altogether the Lodge appears to be in a state of collapse. We earnestly hope that the brethren of this Lodge will speedily realize their duty and make themselves a power for good in this district. Treherne Lodge, No. 51, has passed through a crisis. Fire has destroyed books and regalia, and a general depression for a time surrounded them, but to the great credit of the officers and members, they are doing their best to make Treherne Lodge what it was only a short time ago. Holland Lodge, No. 63, and Wawanesa Lodge are doing well, and Roland Lodge, U. D., is considered equal to any Lodge in the district, and is recommended for a charter. It seems by the D. D. G. M.'s report that the younger Lodges are doing better work in this district than the older. This ought not to be. While it is very commendable in the former, it is regrettable in the latter. The number of members in this district has increased by 20.

District No. 4.

R. W. Bro. A. M. Stewart has also shown his diligence in visiting every Lodge in his district, and found Masonry in a fairly healthy condition, but suffering from two causes, viz., the transient nature of the population and the lack of interest exhibited, in most cases, by the older members, and in a great many cases by Past Masters. Doric Lodge, No. 36, Boissevain, is spoken of as the Banner Lodge of the district, and Crystal Lodge, U. D., Crystal City, is recommended for its charter. Increase during the year of 26 members.

District No. 5.

This district is evidently at a standstill as regards increase of members; in fact, it shows a slight falling off. But while this is the case, the brethren have shown their enthusiasm by purchasing a D. D. G. M.'s regalia. R. W. Bro. Crookshank visited the four Lodges in his district and reports very favorably of each one. During his term he held a very enthusiastic district meeting of the Craft, when the E.A. degree was exemplified by Russell Lodge, No. 62, and the M. M. degree by the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker and our late deceased brother, G. C. Woodside. Much good has resulted from this. Your Committee note with deep regret the decease of R. W. Bro. A. C. Sewell, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 14, Minnedosa. He was a most efficient and enthusiastic Mason, and one who took a great interest in the craft. We are sure that the members of Grand Lodge extend to the relatives and members of No. 14 their deep sympathy in their bereavement. We think the suggestion by R. W. Bro. Crookshank, that each D. D. G. M. keep a District Minute Book, a good one. All that he says in his report *re* this book is true, and if D. D. G.M.'s could be persuaded to keep such a record, it would prove of great value to Masonry.

District No. 6.

This district consists of seven Lodges, and R. W. Bro. J. M. Robinson visited all with the exception of Hartney, which he hoped to visit ere the completion of his term of office. Glenwood Lodge, No. 27, Souris, is fortunate in having the best equipped Lodge in the district. Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, possesses a good knowledge of Masonry and Masonic jurisprudence, yet the Secretary's books have been badly kept. Harmony reigns throughout the district, and there is an increase in membership of 23. Meetings have been held regularly, and the attendance fair. It has now become an annual custom to hold a Lodge of Instruction in this district. Three sessions were held, and the M. W.

Grand Master was present. We think Masonry would be greatly helped if more of these Lodges of Instruction were held.

District No. 7.

R. W. Bro. C. O. Davidson inaugurated his round of visits by instituting a Lodge at Duck Lake, of '85 Rebellion fame. This Lodge has more than realized Bro. Davidson's expectations, and he has great hopes of its success. Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, Prince Albert, is in a most flourishing condition, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of Battle Lodge, No. 38, owing to so many of the brethren having left the district. But this Lodge ought to go ahead, as it still has a membership of 21. There are a great number of non-affiliates in this district. This is to be regretted; non-affiliates are of very little use in keeping up the work of Masonry. It is to be hoped that the D. D. G. Master's efforts in obtaining a more regular attendance at the Lodge meetings will bear fruit. Decrease of one in membership during the year.

District No. 8.

R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin has visited every Lodge, although he went beyond the time limit to do it. Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34—The work needs improving and greater interest shown. The same may be said of Wascana Lodge, No. 26. N. W. M. P. Lodge, No. 61, has suffered greatly through some of its members being drafted to the Yukon and others gone to South Africa to fight the battles of our Queen. We wish these brave brothers success in their undertaking and a safe return. We are proud of such valiant members of the craft. The old Masons of Moosomin Lodge take a great interest in the work. Out of 13 Past Masters 9 were present when the D. D. G. M. paid his official visit. This district shows an increase of 18 members.

District No. 9.

"All the Lodges in this district are in a prosperous condition." This is the keynote of R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown's report. There is a desire for a single ritual, so that there might be an harmonious whole in the work. It appears that two different works are in use, and these cause a great difficulty in receiving any great benefit by the brethren in visiting sister Lodges. We would suggest that Grand Lodge do something in this matter, and thus meet the desires of the brethren. The D. D. G. M. has done a large amount of travelling during his term of office, having travelled over 1,000 miles. He recommended a division of this district, and we think such division might very profitably be

made. We note with pleasure that Bow River and Perfection Lodges raised $750 for the Patriotic Fund, and Cascade Lodge $100 for the same purpose, and Red Deer, U. D., $25 for the Indian Famine Fund. Increase in membership, 69.

DISTRICT No. 10.

All Lodges visited, harmony prevailing, and meetings profitable. As in District No. 9, so in this, one great hindrance to good attendance at the meetings is the great distances the brethren have to travel, but this is overcome in a large measure by the indomitable energy displayed by the members. Brother Barnwell concludes his report by thanking the Grand Secretary for his kindness to him in answering all questions submitted to him. Increase 14 members during the year.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Re Klondyke Lodge, Dawson City, a dispensation was issued October 15th, 1898. There were 21 charter members. No communication has been received from this Lodge this year.

Your Committee note with pleasure the good work done by all the D. D. G. Masters. All have faithfully done their work, drawn up their reports in a careful manner, and sent them in in time.

Two things are to be further noted: 1st. That there are too many members in arrears for dues. If such brethren in arrears can meet their Lodge dues they ought to pay promptly; if they are unable, then they should manfully come forward, state their inability, and there is not a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction but what would remit such arrears. 2nd. It is the complaint of more than one D. D. G. Master that the Historical Register is not properly kept. Whose fault is this? If the work is too formidable for the Secretary of the Lodge, then the Lodge should appoint some competent brother, and, if necessary, pay him for his labor. If this were done, each Lodge would have an Historical Register worthy of it.

Fraternally submitted,

W. JOHN GARTON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R.W. Bro. William E. Hazley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that during the year 1899 it authorized payment of accounts presented by the Grand Secretary, as in the summary submitted by him, which has been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriation for the year, April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901:—

Grand Secretary's salary	$700 00
Office rent	200 00
Printing Proceedings, 1900	260 00
Books and stationery	50 00
Postage and express charges	150 00
Indian Famine Fund	100 00
Grant to Grand Master for expenses	100 00
Grant to Acting Grand Tyler	15 00
Insurance	15 00
Engrossing	20 00
Testimonial for Grand Master	50 00
Committee on Celebration of 25th Anniversary	75 00
Grant to Library	50 00
Contingent expenses	100 00

Your Committee learns with regret that R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary for the past eighteen years, does not intend to offer himself for re-election. They feel sure it will be difficult to find a brother as painstaking and who will bring to the position the same ability and Masonic knowledge.

Fraternally submitted,
W. E. HAZLEY,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

M.W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report:—

1. That it has not received any applications for relief during the past year.

2. That the Victorian Aged and Indigent Masons has now available the sum of $1,073.48, the sum of $188.65 having been received during the past year, from the following sources, viz.:—

Interest	$ 4 41
Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, sub. of members	65 00
Doric Lodge, No. 36	21 50
Indian Head Lodge, No. 33	25 00
E. Nelson Brown, for Bow River Lodge, No. 28	10 00
East Star Lodge, No. 55	3 00
Hamilton Lang, for Cascade Lodge, No. 42	15 00
Carberry Lodge, No. 29	14 15
Lisgar Lodge, No. 2	7 50
Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31	12 50
Belmont Lodge, No. 13	15 00
	$188 65

Fraternally submitted,

S. P. MATHESON,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Crawford, Chairman of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

The Committee on Charters and New Lodges selected by Your Most Worshipful Body has carefully examined the transcripts and returns of the seven Lodges, placed in their hands, and make therefrom the following report:—

ELKHORN LODGE, ELKHORN.

On September 18th, 1899, this Lodge was instituted by D. D. G. M., J. M. Robinson, since which time it has initiated 6, passed 4 and raised 4. Membership, 14. Eight regular and three emergent meetings. Initiation fee, $25.

SHILOH LODGE, ROLAND.

This Lodge was instituted on the 8th of March, 1899, by P. G. M., W. G. Bell, and from that time there have been initiated 12, passed 10 and raised 9. Membership, 22. Sixteen regular and two emergent meetings. Initiation fee, $25.

GOTHIC LODGE, AUSTIN.

D. D. G. M., G. S. McGregor, on the 15th January, 1900, instituted this Lodge. Since then there have been 5 initiated, 5 passed and 5 raised. Membership, 15. Four regular and three emergent meetings. Initiation fee, $25.

DUCK LAKE LODGE, DUCK LAKE.

On the 23rd August, 1899, this Lodge was instituted by D.D.G.M., C. O. Davidson, and from that time there have been 4 initiated, 3

passed and 3 raised. Ten regular and three emergent meetings held. Membership, 12.

CRYSTAL LODGE, CRYSTAL CITY.

D. D. G. M., John L. Campbell, on the 13th April, 1899, instituted this Lodge, and since then there have been 8 initiated, 7 passed and 7 raised, and 13 regular meetings. Membership, 21. Charge for degrees, $25.

RED DEER LODGE, RED DEER.

On the 4th September, 1899, this Lodge was instituted by D. D. G. M., E. N. Brown, and from that time there have been 10 initiated, 9 passed and 8 raised, with a total membership of 22. There were held nine regular and two emergent meetings. Initiation fee, $30.

WOLSELEY LODGE, WOLSELEY.

This Lodge was instituted on the 9th March, 1900, by D. D. G. M., H. H. Campkin. Since then there have not been any degrees conferred. The membership amounts to 9. There have been four regular and one emergent meetings.

Your Committee was not furnished with a complete set of books in the case of Duck Lake Lodge.

The investigation and consideration of all the records, reports and transcripts placed in our hands justifies the Committee in recommending that charters be granted to (except with respect to Wolseley Lodge, not having worked four months under dispensation, that its dispensation be continued) :—

Third Masonic District—Shiloh Lodge, No. 70, Roland, Man.

Fourth Masonic District—Crystal Lodge, No. 71, Crystal City, Man.

Seventh Masonic District—Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72, Duck Lake, N.W.T.

Ninth Masonic District—Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, Red Deer, N. W. T.

Sixth Masonic District—Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, Elkhorn, Man.

Second Masonic District—Gothic Lodge, No. 75, Austin, Man.

WM. CRAWFORD, Chairman.
WM. FENWICK,
G. W. BAKER,
J. R. JONES.

On motion of W. Bro. J. M. Suttee (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart (13), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, as follows :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same correct.

Your Auditors have much pleasure in stating that their labors were gratly reduced owing to the careful manner in which the books of Grand Lodge have been kept during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. THOMPSON BLACK,
F. J. C. COX,
Auditors.

Winnipeg, June 13th, A. L. 5990.

On motion of V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1), seconded by V.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R.W. Bro. Rev. Jno. W. Garton presented a supplementary report on the Condition of Masonry, as follows :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

We, your Committee, very cordially recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following brethren :—

R. W. Bro. Marshall Laurie (8), Morris.
R. W. Bro. C. J. Crawley (63), Holland.
R. W. Bro. A. McK. Stewart (13), Morden.
R. W. Bro. R. P. Crookshank (15), Rapid City.
R. W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), Brandon.
R. W. Bro. C. O. Davidson (16), Prince Albert.
R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head.
R. W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28), Calgary.
R. W. Bro. W. Barnwell (56), Maple Creek.

Respectfully submitted,

W. JOHN GARTON,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the supplementary report on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:30 o'clock, p.m., until Thursday, June 14th, at 9:30 o'clock, a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 14th, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

CABLEGRAM TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

On motion of V.W. Bro. J. A. Carley (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), the M.W. Grand Master was authorized to cable His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the congratulations of this Grand Lodge on the success of the British arms in South Africa, and the hope that the blessing of peace may soon accrue to that portion of the Empire.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Most W. Bro. Corbet Locke, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows:—

We cordially agree with the words of the Grand Master in regard to the present war, and join with him in wishing a safe and speedy return to those of our brethren who have gone forth at the call of duty, and also join with him in lamenting those of our brethren who have died fighting for their country.

They would recommend, in accordance with the suggestion made, that a page in the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge be set apart to commemorate the fraternal dead.

They note with much pleasure the courtesy extended to the Grand Lodge by King Solomon Mother Lodge, and would recommend as suggested by the Grand Master, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to King Solomon Mother Lodge for their fraternal courtesy.

They most cordially agree with the G. M. in regard to the advisability of paying the necessary expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and would recommend that these expenses be paid in the first instance by Grand Lodge and that the sum so expended be repaid to Grand Lodge by a levy made on the Lodges in each district, according to membership.

They also heartily agree with the G. M. that the very important question of gathering in the non-affiliated and suspended N. P. D. members has been too much neglected, and would recommend that some action looking toward that very much to be desired end be taken by Grand Lodge.

They also commend the words of the G. M. relating to Lodges of Instruction, and would particularly draw attention to the scheme proposed, by which the G. M. would be enabled to visit each of these Lodges in turn. This seems to your Committee to be a particularly valuable suggestion, and one which needs the gravest consideration.

They commend the stand taken by the Grand Master in regard to Life Membership and Masonic Funerals, and would direct the attention of the Subordinate Lodges to that part of the Grand Master's address dealing with these topics.

They would recommend that action be taken at this session of Grand Lodge to appoint a Historiographer of Grand Lodge, as suggested by the Grand Master.

They express their hearty concurrence with the G. M. in his remarks regarding the past of Masonry. They rejoice with him in the prosperity of Grand Lodge, and feel with him that Masonry has done a great work in the past here in our midst and that a great future lies before it.

They join with the G. M. in the feeling of regret which must be shared by every member of Grand Lodge, in the retirement of the Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Scott. They are in entire sympathy with the words of appreciation and regard used by the Grand Master.

They would recommend as one means of guarding against an evil very properly complained of by the G. M. that the valuable suggestions made in addresses from the Grand East are very frequently ignored or disregarded, that, in future, the address of the G. M. be read in open Lodge, at the first regular meeting of each Lodge in the jurisdiction, after the printing and distribution of the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

CORBET LOCKE,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Belch, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's report begs to submit as follows :—

The nineteenth annual report of the veteran Grand Secretary teems with information interesting and valuable to the members of the Grand Lodge and members of the Craft generally.

Your Committee deeply sympathise with the Grand Secretary on the stated causes of the trifling delay in the publication of the proceedings of 1899—the illness and death of his father and his own illness. While the delay was hardly noticeable, it seems to have resulted in a more exhaustive summary of the transactions of his office than many previous reports contained.

Your Committee has ample evidence of the correctness of the statement of the Grand Secretary that during the past year his official duties have been "exceptionally onerous and exacting." The evidence is the four neatly-printed bound volumes, including the new edition of "Grand Lodge Constitution," containing a minute and carefully prepared index covering thirty-one closely printed pages. The index is invaluable to those who have occasion to consult the Constitution constantly and quickly. The neatly bound volume of "Masonic Ceremonials" adopted last year and published by Grand Lodge must prove convenient and necessary for official work. The bound volume of "Masonic Burial Service" for the use of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is timely, and will, doubtless, be generally used in Subordinate Lodges. The "Standard Code of By-Laws" prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the government of Lodges under dispensation and for all Lodges under its jurisdiction that have not adopted by-laws, is quite as useful and valuable as those already mentioned. The special publication of these neatly bound aids to efficient Masonic work will, no doubt, be appreciated throughout the jurisdiction.

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Secretary upon the statement, it gives him "infinite pleasure" to report "for the tenth time that every Lodge has made returns and paid all fees and dues." The nine times they failed to do so, during his incumbency of nineteen years, must have made an impression upon him he cannot put into words, as he is kindly silent upon that point.

Your Committee is gratified to notice the statement in the Grand Secretary's report that financially the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Grand Lodge and that the finances are in a satisfactory condition.

Your Committee heartily concurs in the forcible and correct remarks in the report concerning the Grand Secretary's office in the Masonic Temple and endorses his suggestions in that regard.

Your Committee considers, in concluding this report, that it would be inconsiderate not to take special notice of our efficient Secretary's "Valedictory." He finds it necessary, owing to the exact-

ing duties of a public office requiring his undivided attention, to relinquish the position of Grand Secretary, which he has occupied for nineteen years consecutively. While this Grand Lodge bows regretfully to a decision it cannot alter, it desires to put upon record its high appreciation of the services of its Grand Secretary during all the years he has occupied that onerous and responsible position. His fifth of a century services in the cause of Masonry in Manitoba and the Northwest will be remembered gratefully by Masons of Manitoba and the Territories long after he and we have mouldered into dust.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. BELCH,
D. W. McDERMID.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), seconded by M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Your Committee notes with pleasure the contributions to the Library which, though not so large as in former years, still constitute a valuable and welcome addition to our literary stores. It approves of the selection of the works purchased, noting with pleasure that these works are mainly of either a national or Masonic character. They would particularly remark the acquisition of three such standard works as the Canadian Cyclopaedia, Parkman's works, and J. Ross Robertson's History of Free Masonry in Canada.

Your Committee would express the hope that such a joint arrangement with the office of Grand Secretary may be effected that the Grand Librarian may be present at the Library for at least a short time every day.

On behalf of Grand Lodge, your Committee would express its deep sense of the debt of gratitude due to our present Grand Librarian for the valuable services which he has always so cheerfully rendered in connection with the G. L. Library and for the success which has attended his efforts on its behalf. The amount of correspondence and other labor connected with this work has been very considerable and your Committee agrees with the Grand Librarian that this work should no longer be asked of any brother as a gratuitous service, and would suggest that in future it be connected officially with the work of Grand Secretary and a certain amount set apart for its remuneration.

On motion of M.W. Bro. J. D. O'Meara (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the report of Committee on Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.W. BRO. JOHN LESLIE.

On motion of R.W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to M.W. Bro. John Leslie.

TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. WM. G. SCOTT.

On motion of R.W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), the M.W. Grand Master was authorized to appoint a committee to procure a fitting testimonial for presentation to R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, upon the completion of 20 years of faithful service to the Craft.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and the Northern Pacific Railway Co. for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members.

THANKS TO ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 3.

Moved by R.W. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by Bro. A. Fenwick (64), and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand officers during this Annual Communication.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS AND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SAME TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), and

Resolved—That the M. W. Grand Master's address, also the report of the Committee on the same, be read in each Subordinate Lodge at its first regular meeting after the receipt of the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart (13), that Section 97 be amended by adding thereto the following :

"And each Lodge within the jurisdiction shall each year pay to Grand Lodge the sum of thirty dollars, payable in two equal instalments in June and December in each year. The first instalment to be paid in December, 1900. Default in payment of any instalment to subject the defaulting Lodge to the like penalty as for default in dues, &c. The money so paid in to be funded for the purpose of erecting the Victoria Home for aged and indigent Masons."

MASONIC HOME.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), and

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge approves of the scheme to erect at some time in the future a Home for aged and indigent Free Masons, and commends the same to the consideration of the Subordinate Lodges, and expresses the hope that each Lodge, as far as its circumstances may warrant, will contribute to the fund.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling and for other expenses during his term of office.

D. D. G. MASTER'S EXPENSES.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), and

Resolved—That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Committee of five to consider the question of re-imbursing the D. D. G. M.s' actual expenses incurred during their various visitations to the Lodges in their respective districts and report at next Annual Communication.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Calgary.

It was moved in amendment by R.W. Bro. John McGuirl (35), seconded by V.W. Bro. A. J. Gillis (47), that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Brandon.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

THANKS TO ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER LODGE, JERUSALEM.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), the following resolution was adopted :—

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the W. Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, Jerusalem, for the beautiful gavel presented this Grand Lodge, as referred to in the M. W. Grand Master's address.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson (10), and

Resolved—That a resolution of sympathy of this Grand Lodge be forwarded to Bro. John McBride, Grand Tyler, in his serious illness and hope for a speedy recovery.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. Jas. A. Carley (25), and

Resolved—That a resolution of sympthy of this Grand Lodge be forwarded to R. W. Bro. S. Duffin in his long and continued illness and hope for a speedy recovery.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place to-day at 2 o'clock, p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 o'clock, a.m., until 2 o'clock, p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges presented their Commissions and were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master

W. Bro. J. R. Jones, from the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

R.W. Bro. W. E. Hazley, from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

V.W. Bro. A. B. Gillis, from the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report :—

There are 61 chartered and seven Lodges U.D. on the Grand Register ; 27 Lodges are represented by their own officers; 19 Lodges by proxy ; 15 Lodges unrepresented. There are 92 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 230.

Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows :—

1	Prince Rupert's,	W.	Bro.	G. H. Walker,	W. Master.
2	Lisgar,	W.	"	E. D. Whealler,	W. Master.
3	Ancient Landmark,	W.	"	J. Malcolm Suttie,	W. Master.
			"	John Persse,	S. Warden.
4	St. John's,	W.	"	H. W. Chalfant,	W. Master.
			"	J. T. Bragg,	J. Warden.
6	Emerson,	R. W.	"	Rev. W. Jno. Garton,	Proxy.
7	Assiniboine,	V. W.	"	L. Remey,	Proxy.
8	King Solomon,	W.	"	James Lawrie,	W. Master.
10	Northern Light,	W.	"	J. R. Jones,	W. Master.
11	Gladstone,	W.	"	Thos. L. Morton,	W. Master.
13	Belmont,	W.	"	Jacob Heiman,	W. Master.
14	Prince of Wales,	R. W.	"	R. Hill Myers,	Proxy.
15	Corinthian,	R. W.	"	R. Percy Crookshank,	Proxy.
19	Brandon,	W.	"	N. J. Halpin,	W. Master.
24	Neepawa,	W.	"	P. B. Hazleton,	W. Master.
25	Ionic,	W.	"	Fred. J. C. Cox,	W. Master.
26	Moose Jaw,	W.	"	F. E. Statham,	W. Master.
27	Glenwood,	M. W.	"	James A. Ovas,	Proxy.
28	Bow River,	W.	"	John DeSousa,	Proxy.
29	Carberry,	W.	"	G. S. Haslem,	W. Master.
30	Manitou,	W.	"	R. W. McClung,	W. Master.
		W.	"	J. S. Grant,	S. Warden.
31	Medicine Hat,	M. W.	"	Thos. Tweed,	Proxy.
32	Qu'Appelle,	R. W.	"	F. S. Proctor,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	R. W.	"	H. H. Campkin,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,	W.	"	A. H. Smyth,	W. Master.
36	Doric,		"	Geo. C. Hill,	S. Warden.
37	Alberta,	R. W.	"	J. Thompson Black,	Proxy.

39	Birtle,		Bro.	Rev. Wm. Robertson,	S. Warden.
40	Deloraine,	W.	"	W. H. Wilson,	W. Master.
41	North Star,		"	W. Ridley Beal,	J. Warden.
42	Cascade,	M. W.	"	Thos. Robinson,	Proxy.
43	Lebanon,		"	E. A. Holmes,	S. Warden.
44	Oak Lake,	W.	"	A. Fenwick,	Proxy.
45	Spitzie,	R. W.	"	Wm. G. Scott,	Proxy.
49	Temple,	W.	"	Donald McLean,	W. Master.
51	Treherne,	W.	"	J. Coulter,	W. Master.
52	Hartney,		"	Benjamin Roper,	S. Warden.
53	Edmonton,	V. W.	"	E. A. Braithwaite,	Proxy.
54	Oriental,	W.	"	Geo. Stewart,	W. Master.
56	Maple Leaf,	R. W.	"	Wm. Crawford,	Proxy.
57	Evening Star,	M. W.	"	Geo. B. Murphy,	Proxy.
58	Innisfail,	W.	"	Henry Fry,	Proxy.
60	Perfection,	W.	"	F. E. Statham,	Proxy.
62	Russell,		"	E. A. Struthers,	J. Warden.
64	Composite,	R. W.	"	Wm. Fenwick,	Proxy.
67	Wawanesa,	W.	"	W. T. Johnston,	W. Master.
			"	Frank O. Fowler,	J. Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD C. COPELAND,
Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. S. Proctor (32), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the Election of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31), M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell (3), and W. Bro. E. A. Struthers (62), when the election proceeded, with the following results :

R. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), Deloraine, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Jno. Garton (6), Emerson, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64), Alexander, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), Minnedosa, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg, Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), Edmonton, Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters.

W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor (4), Winnipeg, First Masonic District.
W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29), Carberry, Second Masonic District.
W. Bro. J. K. Robson (51), Treherne, Third Masonic District.
W. Bro. C. R. Foley (30), Manitou, Fourth Masonic District.
W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson (14), Minnedosa, Fifth Masonic District.
W. Bro. S. E. Lang (43), Virden, Sixth Masonic District.
W. Bro. A. B. Gillis (47), Whitewood, Eighth Masonic District.
W. Bro. John DeSousa (28), Bow River, Ninth Masonic District.
W. Bro. T. E. McNabb (41), Lethbridge, Tenth Masonic District.

There being no Representatives or Past Masters present from the Seventh Masonic District, the Grand Master Elect subsequently appointed the following brother as District Deputy Grand Master :

W. Bro. John McTaggart (16), Prince Albert, Seventh Masonic District.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the scrutineers for their services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master Elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments :

V. W. Bro. John Dixon (56), Maple Creek, Grand S. Deacon.
V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), Winnipeg, Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Francis E. Statham (26), Moose Jaw, Grand D. of.C.
V. W. Bro. W. J. F. Robertson (1), Winnipeg, Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. James Wilson (36), Boissevain, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. R. Wynn (58), Innisfail, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. A. McDonagh (62), Russell, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Jos. Cornell (67), Wawanesa, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Peter B. Hazelton (24), Neepawa, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. James Montgomery (35), Moosomin, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Humphrey Hart (4), Winnipeg, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John Hanna (44), Oak Lake, Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Theo. A. Burrows (68), Dauphin, Grand Pursuivant.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Grand Master appointed the following brethren as members of the Nominating Committee, to select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees :

R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin.
R. W. Bro. Edward W. Rugg.
W. Bro. N. J. Halpin.
R. W. Bro. M. Lawrie.
R. W. Bro. G. S. McGregor.
R. W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart.
R. W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank.
W. Bro. J. K. Robson.
M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy.
W. Bro. John DeSousa.
R. W. Bro. J. M. Robinson.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Nominating Committee reported recommending the following Standing Committees :

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), (chairman); M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke, (13), M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed (31), R. W. Bro. Geo. Baker (10), R. W. Bro. R. Percy Crookshank (15).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), (chairman) ; R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), R. W. Bro. J. T. Black (4), R. W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3), M. W. Bro. W. G. Bell (3).

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. J. J. White (25), (chairman) ; M. W. Bro. J. A. Ovas (27), R. W. Bro. W. Fenwick (64), R. W. Bro. F. G. Lewin (35), R. W. Bro. M. Laurie (8).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Canon Matheson (10), (chairman); M. W. Bro. D. J. Goggin (10), R. W. Bro. Harry Campkin (33), V. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), W. Bro. A. H. Smith (35).

ON BENEVOLENCE.

M. W. Bro. John Leslie (1), (chairman) ; M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), R. W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), V. W. Bro. Jno. Thomson (3).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R. W. Bro. John McGuirl (35), (chairman) ; R. W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton (6), R. W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), W. Bro. T. L. Morton (11), V. W. Bro. J. S. Brayfield (19).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), (chairman) ; V. W. Bro. C. H. Enderton (3), V. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), V. W. Bro. A. Hooper (2), W. Bro. Herbert Radford (25).

ON FINANCE.

V. W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), (chairman) ; V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), V. W. Bro. J. C. Saul (1), W. Bro. John Robert Grant (10), W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25).

On motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edgar W. Rugg (3), the report of the nominating Committee was received and confirmed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master Elect, R.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees :

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), (convener), M. W. Bro. Thos. Tweed, (31), V. W. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), (convener), W. Bro. George Patterson (40), V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M. W. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara (1), (convener), R. W. Bro. E. W. Rugg (3), W. Bro. John R. Grant (10).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), (convener); M. W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson (10), R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).

ON DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS' EXPENSES.

R. W. Bro. G. W. Baker (10), (convener); R. W. Bro. J. M. Robinson (19), R. W. Bro. Alan M. Stewart (13), W. Bro. James M. Suttie (3), R. W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4).

ON TESTIMONIAL TO R. W. BRO. WM. G. SCOTT.

R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), (convener); V. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), M. W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), R. W. Bro. A. B. Gillis (47), R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Windatt (3), R. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick (64).

AUDITORS.

R. W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4), R. W. Bro. William E. Hazley (3).

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 6:15 o'clock, p.m., until 8 o'clock, p.m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 8 o'clock, p.m.
Present, M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

RANK OF PAST D. D. G. M.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Rev. W. John Garton (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. John Leslie, assisted by M.W. Bro. Thos. Robinson and M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. GEO. B. MURPHY.

M.W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson, in a few appropriate words, presented M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, Past Grand

Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, with a handsome chain collar, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

PRESENTATION TO R.W. BRO. G. S. McGREGOR.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, in a few appropriate words, presented R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor, Past District Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of District No. 2, with a handsome Past D. D. G. M. jewel, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the twenty-fifth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 10:30 o'clock, p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

Attest :

James A. Ross.

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor, Winnipeg.

No.	1.—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk.
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg.
"	6—Emerson	Emerson.
"	8—King Solomon	Morris.
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg.
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall.
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg.
"	55—East Star	Gretna.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Eustace Cope, Carberry.

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone.
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa.
"	29—Carberry	Carberry.
"	49—Temple	McGregor.
"	68—Vermillion	Dauphin.
"	75—Gothic	Austin.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. K. Robson, Treherne.

No.	9—Oakland	Carman.
"	48—Glenboro	Glenboro.
"	51—Treherne	Treherne.
"	63—Holland	Holland.
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa.
"	70—Shiloh	Roland.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. C. R. Foley, Manitou.

No. 13—Belmont ..... Morden.
" 30—Manitou ..... Manitou.
" 36—Doric ..... Boissevain.
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine.
" 50—Killarney ..... Killarney.
" 54—Oriental ..... Melita.
" 71—Crystal ..... Crystal City.
U. D. —Napinka ..... Napinka.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson, Minnedosa.

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle ..... Birtle.
" 62—Russell ..... Russell.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, Virden.

No. 19—Brandon ..... Brandon.
" 27—Glenwood ..... Souris.
" 43—Lebanon ..... Virden.
" 44—Oak Lake ..... Oak Lake.
" 52—Hartney ..... Hartney.
" 64—Composite ..... Alexander.
" 74—Elkhorn ..... Elkhorn.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John McTaggart, Prince Albert.

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert.
" 38—Battle ..... Battleford.
" 72—Duck Lake ..... Duck Lake.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. B. Gillis, Whitewood.

No. 23—Wascana ..... Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head ..... Indian Head.

No. 34—Qu'Appelle ..... Qu'Appelle.
" 35—Moosomin ..... Moosomin.
" 47—Ashlar ..... Whitewood.
" 57—Evening Star ..... Grenfell.
" 61—North-West Mounted Police ..... Regina.
" 69—Yorkton ..... Yorkton.
U. D. —Wolseley ..... Wolseley.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John DeSousa, Calgary.

No. 28—Bow River ..... Calgary.
" 42—Cascade ..... Anthracite.
" 53—Edmonton ..... Edmonton.
" 58—Innisfail ..... Innisfail.
" 60—Perfection ..... Calgary.
" 65—Eureka ..... Lacombe.
" 66—Acacia ..... South Edmonton.
" 73—Red Deer ..... Red Deer.
U. D. —Victoria ..... Fort Saskatchewan.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thomas McNab, Lethbridge.

No. 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 37—Alberta ..... Macleod.
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge.
" 45—Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek.
" 56—Maple Leaf ..... Maple Creek.

RECAPITULATION.

First Masonic District	10
Second Masonic District	7
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	8
Fifth Masonic District	4
Sixth Masonic District	7
Seventh Masonic District	3
Eighth Masonic District	11
Ninth Masonic District	9
Tenth Masonic District	5
Total	70

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Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Died.	Rejected.	Memb'rship 27th Dec., 1898.	Memb'rship 27th Dec., 1899.
1	Prince Rupert	6	8	6	5	1	6	4	...	2	...	196	196
2	Lisgar	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	...	..	..	58	58
3	Ancient Landmark	5	3	...	....	4	10	....	...	1	...	182	180
4	St. John's	9	7	10	4	1	1	...	...	2	2	131	142
6	Emerson	2	1	1	....	1	2	....	...	...	...	39	40
7	Assiniboine	2	2	2	....	3	4	1	...	..	1	71	71
8	King Solomon	4	7	7	....	....	1	....	...	1	....	46	48
9	Oakland	1	3	5	3	...	...	.....	...	....	6	47	51
10	Northern Light	7	6	4	5	..	5	.....	...	....	1	77	84
11	Gladstone	1	1	1	....	....	....	.....	...	....	....	29	30
12	Stonewall	1	1	2	....	....	...	.....	...	...	....	30	31
13	Belmont	3	3	2	....	....	5	....	...	1	....	93	90
14	Prince of Wales	8	8	6	....	....	2	....	...	1	....	50	55
15	Corinthian	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	...	...	....	32	29
16	Kinistino	3	5	5	2	3	7	....	....	...	1	53	54
19	Brandon	13	14	14	5	....	2	4	....	1	1	92	103
23	Wascana	2	2	4	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	58	56
24	Neepawa	2	3	3	5	....	3	....	....	....	4	43	47
25	Ionic	6	8	5	1	....	4	....	1	....	....	100	102
26	Moose Jaw	8	6	6	1	....	1	2	....	1	2	51	56
27	Glenwood	2	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	41
28	Bow River	11	11	10	5	...	1	....	....	...	1	78	93
29	Carberry	3	2	2	....	....	....	2	....	2	...	31	30
30	Manitou	4	5	5	2	....	4	..	....	....	....	32	34

31	Medicine Hat	3	2	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	45	50
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	30
33	Indian Head	4	4	5	3	1	3	1	....	....	3	40	44
34	Qu'Appelle	1	1	2	....	....	2	1	....	....	....	24	22
35	Moosomin	4	5	4	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	58	61
36	Doric	1	4	4	....	....	1	....	....	1	3	62	61
37	Alberta	9	9	12	3	....	2	....	....	....	5	56	66
38	Battle	1	....	....	3	....	4	3	....	1	....	25	21
39	Birtle	2	2	1	2	....	4	....	....	....	....	30	30
40	Deloraine	2	2	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	40	41
41	North Star	5	4	4	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	49	53
42	Cascade	6	7	7	1	2	3	....	....	....	2	40	46
43	Lebanon	2	3	3	4	....	2	2	....	....	....	33	35
44	Oak Lake	3	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	28	31
45	Spitzie	8	8	7	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	33	41
47	Ashlar	2	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	24	26
48	Glenboro	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	40
49	Temple	5	4	6	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	31	35
50	Killarney	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	30	30
51	Treherne	3	3	2	3	....	....	....	....	2	....	21	25
52	Hartney	3	3	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	39	42
53	Edmonton	2	2	1	2	....	2	....	....	....	4	56	58
54	Oriental	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	34	32
55	East Star	2	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	20	20
56	Maple Leaf	1	1	1	....	....	3	2	....	....	....	21	17
57	Evening Star	3	3	3	1	....	4	....	....	1	1	40	39
58	Innisfail	7	6	4	1	....	3	....	....	....	1	17	22
60	Perfection	11	10	9	2	....	5	1	....	....	....	50	57
61	North-West Mounted Police	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	45	40
62	Russell	3	2	4	....	....	3	2	....	....	....	36	34
63	Holland	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	34
64	Composite	1	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	27	26
65	Eureka	1	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	17
66	Acacia	2	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	22

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67	Wawanesa	2	3	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	21
68	Vermillion	9	9	5	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	21
69	Yorkton	11	7	7	13	....	..	..	..	....	2	.....	24
70	Shiloh	4	3	3	10	....	....	..	..	....	....	.....	14
71	Crystal	4	4	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	1	.....	15
72	Duck Lake	..	....	....	8	....	..	....	....	....	....	.....	8
73	Red Deer	....	....	....	12	....	....	..	..	....	....	.....	12
74	Elkhorn	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	7
		235	230	222	141	17	122	28	1	21	44	2870	3091

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
James Ellis Kimberley	January 17, 1899	Prince Rupert's	1
William Herbison Eaton	October 2, 1899	Lisgar	2
Edward John Black	April 10, 1899	Ancient Landm'k.	3
John Best	February 13, 1899	Ancient Landm'k.	3
Lyman James Cross	November 13, 1899	Ancient Landm'k.	3
John Henry Birch	December 11, 1899	Ancient Landm'k.	3
Emiel Welte	December 14, 1899	St. John's	4
Benjamin Burrows Johnston	December 14, 1899	Emerson	6
William Fulton	March 15, 1899	Assiniboine	7
Peter Daniel McDonald	April 19, 1899	Assiniboine	7
Robert Watson	December 20, 1899	Assiniboine	7
Henry Sholts Douglas (E.A.)	May 5, 1899	Kinistino	16
Robert David Meyers	February 3, 1899	Kinistino	16
William Reginald Gunn	July 7, 1899	Kinistino	16
John Stephens	September 15, 1899	Indian Head	33
John Simington	February 23, 1899	Cascade	42
Edward Lincoln Smith	October 12, 1899	Cascade	42

LODGE DIRECTORY.

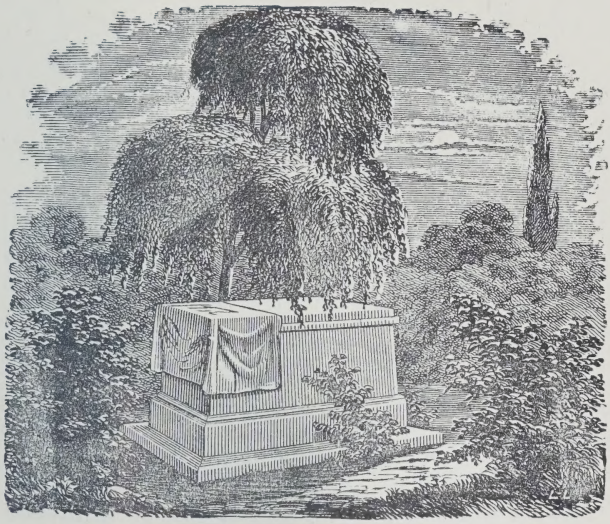
Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Town and Post Office Address.	Municipality	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	G. H. Walker	G. H. Hargrave	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Selkirk	Manitoba	E. O. Whealler	M. Moncrieff	First Monday in each month
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	J. M. Suttie	J. E. Anderson	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	H. W. Chalfant	J. G. Hossack	Second Thursday in each month
6	Emerson*	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	Samuel J. Elkin	Rev. W. J. Garton.	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.	P'ge la Prairie.	Manitoba	Robert S. Cowie	Leslie Remey	Third Wed'day in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	James L. Lowrie	G. F. Birney	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	A. W. Badger	John M. Wallar	Tuesday on or before full moon
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	J. R. Jones	Wm. Hill	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	T. L. Morton	John Ferguson	Monday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	A. R. Leonard	T. Ramsay	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	Jacob Hieman	A. A. Hobkirk	Thursd'y on or before full moon
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	John F. Boyd	S. L. Taylor	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	D. E. B. Daly	Edward Peplow	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatch'n	D. C. McLellan	James Stewart	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	N. J. Halpin	H. L. Adolph	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia	R. B. Fergusson	T. W. Peart	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	P. B. Hazleton	Alex. Love	Wed'day on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	F. J. C. Cox	W. C. Copeland	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia	F. E. Stratham	E. H. Moorhouse	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris,	Glenwood	Manitoba	John A. Taylor	R. H. Cook	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	E. D. H. Wilkins	John de Sousa	Second Monday in each month.
29	Carberry	Carberry	North Cypress.	Manitoba	G. S. Haslam	J. J. Armstrong	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	Pembina	Manitoba	R. W. McClung	Henry Burke	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia	W. N. Adsit	Wm. H. Gee	Tuesday on or before full moon
32	Qu'Appelle Valley*	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	John A. McDonald	Robert Williams	Tuesday on or after full moon.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia	George Thompson	H. H.Campkin	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia	John P. Jones	Frederick Bell	Tuesday on or before full moon
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia	A. H. Smith	H. E. Dill	Wed'day on or before full moon
36	Doric*	Boissevain	Morton	Manitoba	William Hanley	James D. Baine	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	W. P. Cunningham	R. G. Mathews	Wed'day on or before full moon
38	Battle	Battleford		Saskatch'n	Frank W. Spicer	J. R. Michael	First Wednesday in each month

39	Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	J. B. Haines	W. B. Chapman	Second Monday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Manitoba	W. H. Wilson	D. J. Wright	Wed'day on or before full moon
41	North Star*	Lethbridge		Alberta	Hugh Scott	A. G. Nedham	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Anthracite		Alberta	O. E. S Whiteside	Hamilton Lang	Thursday on or before full moon
43	Lebanon*	Virden	Wallace	Manitoba	Robert E. Trumbell	Wm. F. Scarth	Tuesday on or before full moon
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Sifton	Manitoba	John Hanna	W. J. Helliwell	Thursday on or before full moon
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek		Alberta	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	H. E. Hyde	Friday on or before full moon.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood		Ass niboia	P. H. Gillis	R Goldschmidt	Tuesday on or before full moon
48	Glenboro	Glenboro.	South Cypress.	Manitoba	William Noble	Fred. T. Axford	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	McGregor.	North Norfolk	Manitoba	Donald MacLean	Frank M. Berry	Wed'day on or after full moon.
50	Killarney*	Killarney	Turtle Mount'n	Manitoba	Jonathan Lindsay	James M. Baldwin	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	South Norfolk.	Manitoba	John Coulter	Rev A.W.Goulding	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Cameron	Manitoba	James Duthie	Wm. A. Cameron	Tuesday on or before full moon
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	George T. Bragg	J W. Morris	Third Thursday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	George Stewart	H. V. Morse	Friday on or before full moon.
55	East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	J. D. Tomkins	George Viertel	Wed'day on or before full moon
56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	John Dixon	W. M. Fenwick	Thursday on or before full moon
57	Evening Star	Grenfell		Assiniboia	Edward Fitzgerald	A. W. Argue	Tuesday on or after full moon.
58	Innisfail	Innisfail		Alberta	John A. Wilson	R. M. Archer	Third Thursday in each month.
60	Perfection	Calgary		Alberta	John G. May	J. G. Terry	Third Tuesday in each month.
61	N.-West M't'd Police	Regina		Assiniboia	Robert Belcher	H T Ayre	First Thursday in each month.
62	Russell	Russell	Russell	Manitoba	G. M. Shaw	W. B. Lennard	Wed'day on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland	South Norfolk.	Manitoba	F. H. Dagg	H. L. Rixon	Wed'day on or before full moon
64	Composite	Alexander	Whitehead	Manitoba	Wm. Dickson	Wm. Fenwick	Thursday on or before full moon
65	Eureka	Lacombe		Alberta	G. W. Streeter	C. S Ching	First Wednesday in each month
66	Acacia	Strathcona		Alberta	T F. English	D. S. MacKenzie	Second Thursday in each month
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	Oakland	Manitoba	W. T. Johnston	F. D. Barclay	Monday on or before full moon.
68	Vermilion	Dauphin	Dauphin	Manitoba	J. G. Harvey	E. Widmeyer	First Tuesday in each month.
69	Yorkton	Yorkton		Assiniboia	G. G. C. Walley	C. D. T. Becher	Thursday on or before full moon
70	Shiloh	Roland	Dufferin	Manitoba	H. Manning	C. F. Boardman	Thursday on or after full moon
71	Crystal	Crystal City	Louise	Manitoba	William Cranston	Wm. G. Duff	Tuesday on or before full moon
72	Duck Lake	Duck Lake		Saskatch'n	Wm. Fawcett	J. H. Price	Second Wed'day in each month
73	Red Deer	Red Deer		Alberta	S F. Weam	J. Hinchcliffe	Second Tuesday in each month.
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Wallace	Manitoba	W. M. Cushing	Geo. T. Rogers	Monday on or before full moon
75	Gothic	Austin	North Norfolk	Manitoba	W. T. Speed	Geo. Camsell	Monday on or after full moon.
	U.D. Wolseley	Wolselsy		Assiniboia	James Pollock	Geo. Balfour	Tuesday on or before full moon

DEATHS 21--16 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	NUMBER.
David Wesley Cummings..	June 10, 1899.....	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Alexander Wilkes	September 5, 1899	Prince Rupert's	1
Adolphe Gideon Hample..	September 18, 1899.	Ancient Landmark.	3
Wilson Burse.....	October 15, 1899 ..	St. John's	4
William Henry Finnerty..	December 4, 1899.	St. John's.....	4
James Rodman	March 24, 1899....	King Solomon	8
John Hugh Fraser	October 11, 1899 ..	Belmont	13
William Rutherford.	September 21, 1899.	Prince of Wales....	14
Thomas Massender	December 28, 1899	Brandon	19
Robert James Brown.....	June 19, 1899	Moose Jaw	26
John Peters Anderson...	January 1, 1899 ...	Carberry	29
Thomas Corril Coggs.....	February 7, 1899 ..	Carberry	29
Edward West.....	March 22, 1899....	Doric.....	36
John Cotton..... ..	May 7, 1899.....	Battle	38
William Stevenson McLean	October 10, 1899 ..	North Star.....	41
Alexander Spiers	July 1, 1899.	Oak Lake	44
Hugh Hall	January 5, 1899 ...	Temple.....	49
William Logie...	October 3, 1899....	Temple.	49
Robert Samuel Alexander	December 31, 1898.	Treherne	51
William Ford	July 24, 1899.....	Treherne	51
James Allen Chisholm	March 2, 1899.....	Evening Star	57



In Memory

of the

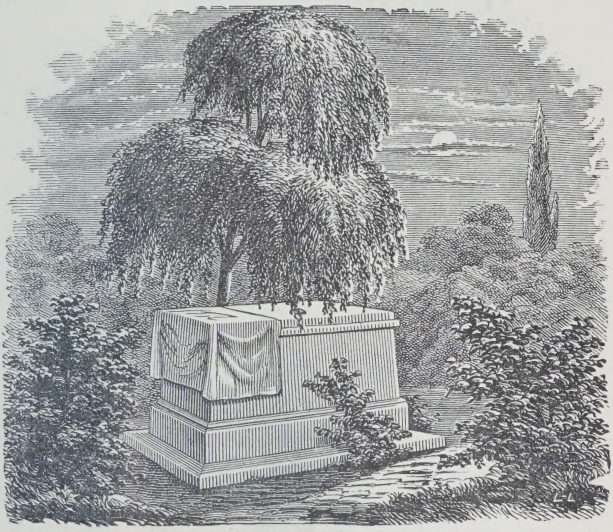
Twenty-One Brethren of the Sixteen Lodges

whose deaths have been reported during

the Masonic year ending

Dec. 27, 1899.

"Dust to Dust, the dark decree—
Soul to God, the soul is free ;
Leave them with the lowly lain—
Brothers, we shall meet again."



In Memory

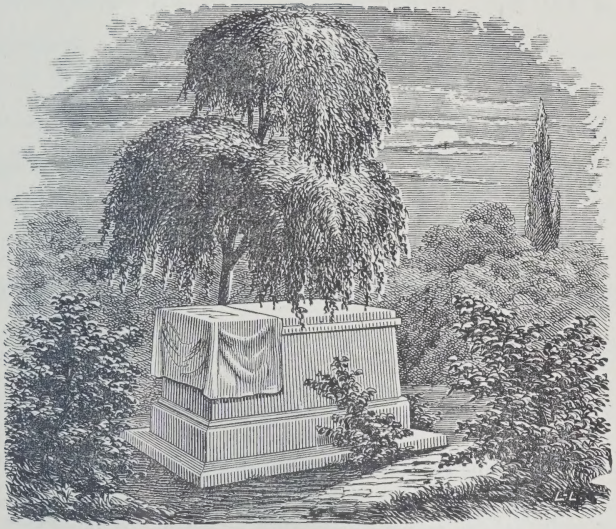
of the

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

of

Sister Grand Lodges.

"Death is not all sleep—
Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years;
And all that life is love."



In Memoriam.

R. W. BRO. A. C. SEWELL,

Past Master of Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14, Minnedosa, Manitoba.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District.

Born at Windsor, Ont., 1846.

Died at Minnedosa, Man., May 2nd, 1900.

"God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What He has given—
They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly
As in His Heaven."

SUSPENSION FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
George W. Rimer.....	May 5, 1899	Ionic	25

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
James Hyde Gowan.....	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
Wm. Alexander McFarlane..	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
Chas. W. Christian Peterson.	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
Henry Longford Watts.....	April 18, 1899	Prince Rupert's..	1
Robert Rennie	June 5, 1899.....	Lisgar	2
Peter Daniel McDonald	January 18, 1899...	Assiniboine	7
Malcolm Thompson.....	December 15, 1899.	Corinthian.....	15
Thomas Tennant Atkinson...	December 12, 1899.	Brandon	19
Thomas Sharp.....	December 12, 1899	Brandon	19
Andrew Tannahill	December 12, 1899.	Brandon	19
Hugh Wilson Todd	December 12, 1899.	Brandon	19
Daniel McLean.....	May 9, 1899... ...	Moose Jaw.....	26
James Evendon Cullen.....	May 9, 1899.....	Moose Jaw.....	26
George Shiel	July 18, 1899.....	Carberry.....	29
William Charles Tulley	July 18, 1899.....	Carberry.....	29
Charles Goldsmith Booth ...	February 24. 1899 .	Indian Head.....	33
James Fair	April 25, 1899.....	Qu'Appelle	34
William Renton Herron	May 3, 1899.....	Battle	38
Ronald MacDonald	May 3, 1899.....	Battle	38
Victor Joseph St. George....	May 3, 1899	Battle	38
William Curtis Medder.....	November 15, 1899.	Deloraine.....	40
Robert Adamson.....	January 24, 1899 ..	Lebanon.....	43
Lawrence Gibson Fraser	January 24, 1899 ..	Lebanon.....	43
Robert Alexander Munroe...	March 25, 1899....	Maple Leaf	56
Herbert Udal.....	March 25, 1899	Maple Leaf	56
Harry Symons.....	October 17, 1899 ..	Perfection	60
Sydney Watson Soper.....	September 13, 1899.	Russell	62
Frederick Geo. Richardson..	November 15, 1899.	Russell	62

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

When Elected.	Grand Masters.	Deputy GrandMasters	Grand Senior Wardens.	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.	Grand Registrars.	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke.	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson.....	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell..	‡H. T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson..	*S. L. Bedson..	G F. Newcomb...	‡J. J. Johnson	*John H. Bell..	J. W. Harris....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb...	Jas. Henderson..	John W. Harris	.....	‡J. J. Johnson	*John H. Bell..	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb...	John W. Harris..	Simon Duffin..	*F. T. Bradley	‡J. J. Johnson	*John H. Bell..	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris .	Simon Duffin..	R. McQuaig	‡J. J. Johnson	*John H. Bell..	‡James Munroe..	Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell.....	.....	*Hon. G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor..	‡J. J. Johnson	Wm. G. Scott..	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	*John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott....	†D. B. Murray.	.....	‡J J. Johnson	Jas Henderson	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	*John H. Bell.....	Wm G. Scott....	†Alf'd Pearson	.....	‡J. J. Johnson	.....	†D. G. Dick	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	*John H. Bell.....	†D. B. Murray ..	R. McQuaig....	†John Smith, M.D.	‡J. J. Johnson	Wm. G. Scott..	D. Young, M.D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
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1885	.....	†Alfred Pearson.	P. McGregor..	†Thos Collins.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	*J. W. H. Wilson..	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
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1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell	Thos L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	James A. Payne.	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1890	James A. Ovas....	Wm. G. Bell	†T. McPherson.	Fred L. Newman..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	†R.W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
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1892	*John W.H. Wilson	D. J. Goggin	F. G. Lewin ..	Thos. Robinson ..	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	Wm. A. Windatt	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin	Thos. Robinson..	Thos. Tweed..	Corbet Locke.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	J. H. Munson ...	Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed....	Charles N. Bell..	Corbet Locke..	Hugh U. Bain	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper.	Rev. C.B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell....	Corbet Locke....	James Leslie..	G. B. Murphy	John McKechnie..	Wm G. Scott..	*John Chambers	Rev. C.B. Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke.....	John Leslie.....	F. L. Newman	T. F. English.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	C N. Mitchell ..	Rev. J. W. Matheson.
1897	Thomas Robinson.	G. B. Murphy....	Rev. W. J. Garton.	Wm. Crawford....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	J. O. Smith.....	Rev. Andrew Chisholm.
1898	George B. Murphy	H. J. Eberts	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	Edward W. Rugg	Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	John Leslie.....	R. S. Thornton..	W. A. Windatt	S. B. Jameson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott..	J. A. Sutherland	Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	R. S. Thornton....	W. Jno. Garton..	Wm. Fenwick.	R. Hill Meyers....	John McKechnie..	James A. Ovas.	E.A. Braithwaite	Prof. Baird.

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Nova Scotia	Hon. W. Ross	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D.G.S	Dublin.
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama	H. C. Armstrong	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California	Geo. Johnson	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida	Wilbur P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	T. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
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Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, Mas. Tem.
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Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, Mas. T.
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Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
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New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
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New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen.	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers.	New York, Mas. Temple
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
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Oklahoma	James S. Hunt.	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inslesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew.	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
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Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 780
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Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Geo. W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.
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New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand	Rev. W. Ronaldson	Auckland.
South Australia	Jas. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

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OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	January 9, 1878
Canada	A. E. Irving	Hamilton	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick	Donald Munroe	Woodstock	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	Geo. W. G. Bonner	Halifax	January 7, 1899
Prince Ed'd Isl'd	Thos. A. McLean	Charlotteto'n.	February 21, 1876
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	September 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England	Thomas Fenn	London	March 17, 1887
Ireland	Rt R'd J. B. Crozier	Dublin	October 25, 1898
Scotland	Jas Melville	Edinburgh	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama	J. W. Carmichael	Ozard	May 8, 1886
Arizona	Alex. G. Oliver	Prescott	June 22, 1889
Arkansas	A. A. Gibson	Hope	January 5, 1887
California	Niles Searls	Nevada	May 13, 1896
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	September 10, 1891
Connecticut	Geo. W. Bentley	New London	March 2, 1876
Delaware	And'w L. Johnson	Wilmington	October 6, 1884
Dis. of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby	Washington	October 16, 1895
Florida	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee	January 6, 1879
Georgia	James M. Levy	Covington	March 17, 1887
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	June 9, 1879
Illinois	Jacob Krohn	Freeport	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	William Jas. Oak	Goodland	March 18, 1898
Iowa	G. M. VanLeuven	Lime Springs	September 30, 1885
Kansas	Abijah Wells	Seneca	December 10, 1886
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May 1, 1895
Maine	A. W. Wetherbee	Warren	March 30, 1877
Maryland	Wm. H. Ruby	Towson	January 10, 1884
Michigan	Wm. T. Mitchell	Port Huron	November 16, 1883
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	Winona	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Mississippi	John Rice	Sardis	December 7, 1876
Missouri	W. R. Stubblefield	Salem	January 20, 1899
Montana	Julian M. Knight.	Virginia City.	Nov'ber 29, 1875
Nebraska	Job J. King.	O'Neil.	November 1, 1899
Nevada	Alex. O. Percy.	Gold Hill	July 23, 1897
NewHampshire.	Joseph Kidder.	Manchester.	December 5, 1887
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles.	Burlington.	Nov'ber 23, 1394
New Mexico	Simon B.Newcomb	Aztec	March 27, 1879
New York	Robert Roberts.	New York	Decemb'r 10, 1892
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith.	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks.	March 15, 1899
Ohio	Rev. C. G. Martin.	Sandusky	July 31, 1899
Oregon	Wm. H. Hobson.	Salem	January 24, 1899
Rhode Island	W. Lester Hill.	Providence	February 4, 1899
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby.	Charleston.	April 10, 1876
South Dakota	Willie T. Porter.	Lead City.	March 15, 1890
Tennessee	Milton H. Price.	De Soto	April 11, 1899
Texas	E. J. Simpkins.	Corsicana	Septe'ber 16, 1891
Utah	Adolph Anderson.	Salt Lake City.	Septe'ber 12, 1890
Vermont	Elroy B.Whittaker	Hinesburg	May 20, 1891
Virginia	Frank Gilmer.	Charlottesville.	February 8, 1899
Washington	Edward R. Hare	Tacoma	January 12, 1900
West Virginia	James Luke, jr.	New Cumberl'd	Decemb'r 10, 1898
Wisconsin	John Gill	Milwaukee	July 24, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba, Island of.	Rafael Joglar	Havana.	May 13, 1891
New South Wales	Ellis Robinson.	Sidney	Nove'ber 10, 1893
New Zealand	Hon.H'y Feldwick	Tuvercargill.	Decemb'r 10, 1892
South Australia.	Jas. Magor Symons	Moonta	January 7, 1892
Victoria	R. Kilpatrick	Melbourne.	February 16, 1891

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
Canada.....	Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg....	October 6, 1885
British Columbia	James. A. Carley..	Winnipeg....	September 5, 1894
New Brunswick.	John McGuirl	Moosomin ...	April 6, 1899
Nova Scotia	Rev. J. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg....	April 20, 1889
Prince E. Island.	John J. Jackson ..	Winnipeg....	June 22, 1889
Quebec...	J. Thompson Black	Winnipeg....	June 12, 1895

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

England	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg...	October 15, 1896
Ireland.....	Wm. G. Scott....	Winnipeg....	October 6, 1890
Scotland	Wm. G. Bell.....	Winnipeg....	August 5, 1897

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Alabama	James Leslie.....	Minnedosa...	May 17, 1886
Arizona	A. B. Gillis	Whitewood ..	May 10, 1900
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	P. la Prairie..	January 5, 1899
California	F. Leslie Newman	P. la Prairie..	September 15, 1892
Colorado	John R. Jones....	Winnipeg....	May 7, 1900
Connecticut	Geo. W. Baker ..	Winnipeg....	March 27, 1899
Delaware.....	Alex. J. Belch....	Winnipeg....	January 1, 1898
Dist. of Columbia	Thos. A. Cuddy..	Minnedosa...	November 27, 1888
Florida	James D. Baine ..	Boissevain ...	May 21, 1897
Georgia	Thos. L. Morton..	Gladstone....	April 2, 1887
Idaho	Rev. W. J. Garton	Emerson	July 7, 1897
Illinois	John Leslie	Winnipeg....	January 1, 1889
Kansas	James A. Ovas ...	Souris	January 1, 1895
Louisiana	James J. White...	Winnipeg....	June 17, 1889
Maine.....	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine....	December 29, 1898
Maryland	D. H. McFadden.	Emerson	January 5, 1899
Michigan	John McKechnie.	Winnipeg....	January 1, 1900
Minnesota.....	Thos. W. Taylor .	Winnipeg....	December 26, 1898
Mississippi	William G. Bell..	Winnipeg....	February 24, 1885
Missouri.....	John F. Boyd	Minnedosa...	February 12, 1891
Montana	Herman J. Eberts	Winnipeg....	April 23, 1897
Nebraska.....	Richard D. Foley.	Manitou	November 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	WHEN APPOINTED.
Nevada.....	Corbet Locke	Morden.....	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire	David J. Goggin..	Regina	December 13, 1887
New Jersey.....	Wm. J. Ptolemy..	Winnipeg....	November 17, 1885
New Mexico....	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka.....	November 5, 1879
New York.....	John W. Harris ..	Winnipeg....	January 30, 1879
North Carolina..	William Crawford	Macleod, Ala	May 5, 1891
North Dakota...	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.....	January 5, 1899
Ohio	W. C. Copeland..	Winnipeg....	January 22, 1886
Oregon.....	Alex. L. Young ..	Souris	December 29, 1898
Rhode Island...	James Geo. Dagg.	Selkirk.....	December 8, 1894
South Carolina..	Wm. A. Windatt..	Winnipeg....	March 31, 1891
South Dakota...	Herb't H. Goulter	Virden	December 1, 1897
Tennessee.....	Harry H. Campkin	Indian Head .	May 1, 1899
Texas	Henry Jas. Pugh.	Virden	April 3, 1899
Utah	Geo. B. Murphy..	Moosomin ...	May 20, 1897
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris.....	March 1, 1896
Virginia.....	Robt. Hill Myers.	Minnedosa...	December 30, 1898
Washington	Wm. E. Hazley ..	Winnipeg....	January 11, 1900
West Virginia ..	William Fenwick.	Alexander ...	December 29, 1898
Wisconsin.....	William Braden..	Winnipeg ...	May 22, 1899

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba, Island of.	John McOuat	StonyMou't'n	April 14, 1891
New So'h Wales	Dan'l H. McMillan	Winnipeg....	June 24, 1889
New Zealand ...	Thomas Tweed...	Medicine Hat.	February 25, 1893
South Australia.	J. K. O'Loughlin.	Winnipeg....	July 31, 1899
Victoria.....	Francis G. Lewin	Moosomin....	February 14, 1894

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R. W. " Thomas L. Morton (11)..Past Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. " William A. Windatt)3) . . Past Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. " George W. Baker (10) . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " Willard C. Copeland (25) . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " James E. Maynard (40) . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " J. J. White (25) . . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " A. St. Clair McGregor (11)..Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " G. St. Clair McGregor (11)..Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " H. J. Eberts (10).. . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " H. H. Campkin (33).. . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " Thomas A. Cuddy (14) . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " James G. Dagg (2).. . . . . Past D. D. Grand Master.
R. W. " William G. Scott (1) . . . . . Past Grand Secretary.
R. W. " Edgar W. Rugg (3) . . . . . Past Grand Registrar.
R. W. " J. Obed Smith (1).. . . . . Past Grand Registrar.
R. W. " Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15).. . . Past Grand Chaplain.
V. W. " John C. Saul (1).. . . . . Past Grand Junior Warden.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES.

England	M. W. Bro.	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg.
Ireland	R. W. "	William G. Scott.	Winnipeg.
Scotland	M. W. "	William G. Bell	Winnipeg.
British Columbia . . .	V. W. "	James A. Carley	Winnipeg.
Nova Scotia	M. W. "	Rev. Dean O'Meara . . .	Winnipeg.
Arkansas	R. W. "	Roderick McCuaig.	Port. la Prairie.
Connecticut.	R. W. "	George W. Baker.	Winnipeg.
District of Columbia.	R. W. "	G. St. Clair McGregor . .	Mekiwin
Georgia	R. W. "	Thomas L. Morton. . . .	Gladstone.
Illinois.	M. W. "	John Leslie	Winnipeg.
Kansas	M. W. "	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Louisiana	R. W. "	James J. White	Winnipeg.
Maine	M. W. "	Robert S. Thornton. . . .	Deloraine.
Michigan	R. W. "	John McKechnie.	Winnipeg.

Minnesota	R. W. Bro.	Thomas W. Taylor	Winnipeg.
Mississippi	R. W. "	James E. Maynard	Boissevain
Montana	R. W. "	Herman J. Eberts	Winnipeg.
New Jersey	R. W. "	William J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg.
New York	R. W. "	John W. Harris	Winnipeg.
Ohio	R. W. "	Willard C. Copeland	Winnipeg.
Rhode Island	R. W. "	James G. Dagg	Selkirk.
South Carolina	R. W. "	William A. Windatt	Winnipeg
Tennessee	R. W. "	H. H. Campkin	Indian Head.
Texas	V. W. "	Henry J. Pugh	Virden.
Utah	M. W. "	Geo. B. Murphy	Moosomin
Virginia	R. W. "	R. Hill Myers	Minnedosa.
Washington	R. W. "	William E. Hazley	Winnipeg.
West Virginia	R. W. "	William Fenwick	Alexander.
Wisconsin	V. W. "	William Braden	Winnipeg.
South Australia	M. W. "	Corbet Locke	Morden.

AND THE FOLLOWING PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	William G. Scott	(1)
V. W. "	John C. Saul	(1)
W. "	Robert Muir	(1)
W. "	D. W. McDermid	(1)
M. W. "	John Leslie	(1)
R. W. "	J. Obed Smith	(1)
R. W. "	John McKechnie	(1)
R. W. "	Rev. Dean O'Meara	(1)
R. W. "	Charles N. Bell	(1)
V. W. "	T. Harry Webb	(1)
R. W. "	James G. Dagg	(2)
V. W. "	W. E. Hazley	(3)
V. W. "	Charles E. Enderton	(3)
V. W. "	John Thompson	(3)
W. "	J. Malcolm Suttie	(3)
M. W. "	William G. Bell	(3)
R. W. "	William A. Windatt	(3)
W. "	David McIntosh	(3)
W. "	Andrew Schmidt	(3)
R. W. "	Edgar W. Rugg	(3)
R. W. "	Thomas W. Taylor	(4)
V. W. "	William Braden	(4)
W. "	Angus Grant	(4)
V. W. "	Humphrey Hart	(4)

R. W. Bro. John W. Harris .. .. (4)
R. W. " W. J. Ptolemy .. .. (4)
V. W. " Hugh McCowan .. .. (4)
R. W. " George Davison .. .. (7)
R. W. " Roderick McCuaig .. .. (7)
W. " James T. McTavish .. .. (8)
W. " James Law Lawrie .. .. (8)
R. W. " H. J. Eberts .. .. (10)
R. W. " George W. Baker .. .. (10)
V. W. " Edmund K. Beeston .. .. (10)
M. W. " Thomas Robinson .. .. (10)
W. " Christopher Graburn .. .. (10)
W. " John R. Grant .. .. (10)
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M. W. " Corbet Locke .. .. (13)
R. W. " R. Hill Myers .. .. (14)
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R. W. " Rev. Andrew Chisholm .. .. (15)
V. W. " J. S. Brayfield .. .. (19)
W. " Arthur George Guy .. .. (19)
R. W. " Joseph M. Robinson .. .. (19)
R. W. " John Wemyss .. .. (24)
V. W. " Peter B. Hazelton.. .. .. (24)
R. W. " Willard C. Copeland .. .. (25)
W. " Herbert Radford .. .. (25)
W. " F. J. C. Cox .. .. (25)
R. W. " J. J. White .. .. (25)
V. W. " James A. Carley .. .. (25)
M. W. " James A. Ovas .. .. (27)
R. W. " Eustace Cope .. .. (29)
W. " John H. Anderson .. .. (30)
W. " R. W. McClung .. .. (30)
W. " Rev. N. Hewitt .. .. (30)
W. " Richard McKenzie.. .. .. (30)
R. W. " H. H. Campkin .. .. (33)
M. W. " Geo. B. Murphy .. .. (35)
V. W. " James Montgomery .. .. (35)
W. " William B. Chapman.. .. .. (39)
W. " William Henry Wilson.. .. .. (40)
R. W. " James E. Maynard .. .. (40)
W. " Charles A. Young .. .. (40)

M. W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton . . . . . (40)
R. W. " Thomas McNab . . . . . (41)
V. W. " Henry J. Pugh . . . . . (43)
W. " Robert Neil . . . . . (44)
W. " William Cairns . . . . . (49)
V. W. " Isaac Leece . . . . . (50)
R. W. " James K. Robson . . . . . (51)
V. W. " William Hopkins . . . . . (52)
R. W. " E. A. Braithwaite . . . . . (53)
R. W. " John L. Campbell . . . . . (54)
W. " George Stewart . . . . . (54)
R. W. " William Fenwick . . . . . (64)
W. " Frank Manning . . . . . (70)
W. " Sidney P. Fream . . . . . (73)

OPENING.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by R.W. Bro. Andrew Chisholm (15), Past Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the 25th Annual Communication, held at the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th days of June, 1900, were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren—

It is my pleasing duty to welcome you to this, the twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. As we thus assemble around our Masonic altar let it be with gratitude to the G. A. O. T. U. for the many blessings bestowed on us during the year that has passed, and the resolve on our part to do what in us lies to advance the welfare and interests of the Craft. Brother greets brother with hearty hand clasp and cheery salutation, pleasant friendships are renewed and new ones will be formed, but in the midst of our rejoicing let us not forget those who were wont to meet with us here, but whose places to-day are vacant. Some have fallen by the way, while others have gone to new fields of labor. In the ranks of the officers of the Grand Lodge one vacancy has been made by the hand of death. V. W. Bro. F. Statham, whom I had the pleasure to appoint as G. D. of C., died on October 28th, 1900. He was a member of Moose Jaw Lodge, an enthusiastic Mason, beloved and esteemed by all who knew him.

We also miss from our number R. W. Bro. W. J. Garton, our genial and highly esteemed D. G. M., who has taken up his work in Nova Scotia. Shortly before his departure I received from him a letter requesting me to express to the brethren his regret at being unable to be present, and his pain at severing his connection with the Craft here. I am sure I voice the sentiments of all when I say that we feel his absence to be a great loss, and express the hope that the course of events may lead him back again to our circle.

THE QUEEN'S DEATH.

Since last we met together an event of the greatest importance to the British Empire, and indeed to the whole world, has occurred. Scarcely had "the Wonderful Century" closed than there passed away the great central personality with whose name the age will ever be associated—our late lamented and beloved Queen Victoria. It is not for me here to portray the many virtues which characterised her as Queen and Woman, nor to expatiate on the wonderful progress and development which have marked the long term of over sixty years, during which she wielded the sceptre of British power. Suffice it to say that the strongest testimony to the great personal influence she exerted and to the affectionate regard in which she was universally held is to be found in the manner in which all interest centred around the closing

scenes of that great life, and when the end came each one surely felt that a Presence had gone from this life, and that he mourned as for a personal friend. Yet was our sorrow untouched with regret, for the manner of her passing was as the falling of the ripe fruit, after a well-rounded life characterised by a steady devotion to the duties of the high position which she had been called to occupy.

These are the sentiments which we felt in common with all loyal and loving subjects, but for us as Free Masons the sad event had a further significance, our Queen having been closely identified with the Craft. She was the grand-daughter, daughter, mother and grandmother of Masons, and for many years was graciously pleased to act as Patroness of the several institutions maintained by the Grand Lodge of England, and ever took a deep interest in their progress; while he to whom we now owe allegiance as our Sovereign Lord — King Edward VII — was for twenty-six years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, which position he has since relinquished and assumed the title, Protector of English Free Masons.

Having regard to these circumstances, at the time of Her Majesty's decease I directed our Grand Secretary to forward a message of sympathy, which he did in the following cablegram to the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of England:—

Convey to His Majesty, the Grand Master, the sincere sympathy of the Masons of the Canadian North-West in the death of our beloved Queen.

(Signed) R. S. THORNTON,
Grand Master.

In due course the following acknowledgement was received:—

27th February, 1901.

Dear Sir and M. W. Grand Master:—

I have received the commands of the King to ask you to be so good as to convey to the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba His Majesty's grateful thanks for their kind and fraternal expression of sympathy with him in his great sorrow.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and M .W. G. M.,

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

This royal and gracious message I now convey to you, and through you to all Masons in this jurisdiction.

Further, I appointed a special committee to prepare an address to His Majesty the King, expressing our loyalty and tendering him our respectful congratulations on his accession to the Throne. This address will be submitted in due course.

DISPENSATIONS.

Full particulars for dispensations issued for the formation of four new Lodges and for other purposes in accordance with the Constitution will be given in the Grand Secretary's report.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION.

Under this heading four cases were referred to me, viz.:—

(1) Applicant with artificial left leg.
(2) Applicant with artificial left arm.
(3) Applicant with artificial foot.
(4) Applicant minus right arm.

I gave permission to receive and act on petition in the first three cases, but withheld it in the fourth. This was in accordance with the argument on this question set forth in the annual address of M. W. Bro. Robinson, which I commend to your careful consideration. It is specially valuable, not only because of the amount of information it contains, but because it has made possible a much more liberal interpretation of this point than has formerly obtained, and has been favorably received in other jurisdictions. He quotes from the Charges of a Free Mason, as contained in our Constitution, this sentence: "No Master should take an Apprentice . . . . unless he is a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and of being made a brother," and properly points out that stress should be laid on the qualifying clause, "that may render him incapable of learning the art, etc." These three men were abundantly well able to learn and use the speculative art of Masonry, and so as to obtain recognition as brothers. In the fourth case I did not care to give permission for what was too great a departure from established custom in some jurisdictions. It is pleasant to note the more liberal tendencies for which Bro. Robinson's argument has prepared the way. This, I think, is highly desirable, for if it be the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that Freemasonry regards, then a too rigid insistence on the letter of the operative law does grievous violence to the spirit of the speculative institution. The

Craft is unnecessarily deprived of the support of many who would make good members, while the man who has had the misfortune to lose a limb, perhaps in his country's service, has his misfortune aggravated by its being made a bar to membership in a society towards which he feels himself attracted.

For the sake of affording further information on this question, I would quote from correspondence I have had during the year with the late G. W. Speth, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and one of the foremost authorities on Masonry. He writes:—

"The Grand Lodge of England has never laid down any law as to physical perfection . . . . The result is that so long as a candidate can conform to the more important of our requirements, we admit him, providing, of course, he is otherwise desirable . . . . That is broadly the principle we act upon. I can quite conceive that in England there might be a Lodge which would initiate a man without any of his four limbs, provided he had still a tongue to prove himself with, because, although he could not give the tokens, he could describe them, and I venture to think that our Grand Lodge would see nothing wrong in it. . . . Surely it is the heart we look to, and the intellect, not the person. If the latter, where shall we find a perfect man?"

COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER.

During the year no case has arisen calling for the exercise of the judicial functions of this office, thus testifying to the harmony and general good government of the Craft. But there was one case which had occurred prior to my assuming office, which fell to me to decide. A Lodge initiated a candidate when he had resided only four months within its jurisdiction instead of six, as required by the Constitution, and within four months of his rejecton by another lodge, which entered a charge against the offending lodge. In the defence it was shown that the candidate had signed the petition, which states that he had not been rejected within the twelve months. The candidate explained that the petition was not read over to him, and his statement was not disputed. I directed the Grand Secretary to reprimand the offending lodge on the ground of carelessness and negligence, it being the duty of the brothers recommending the candidate, and especially of the Committee on Character, to ascertain the facts for themselves.

Mackey says: "Of all the committees appointed for the convenience of business by a lodge, there is none so important as that to which has been consigned the duty of investigating the character of a petitioner for initiaton. It is always unfortunate for the interest of

Masonry when such a committee is either ignorant of the responsibility of the task imposed on it, or is careless in performing it. When an architect is appointed to superintend the construction of a building, he will, if honest and capable, inspect with the utmost care the character of every piece of material that the builders propose to use. He will make no superficial examination, nor rest satisfied with the general appearance of the stone or timber that is submitted to his inspection. He will, by a thorough and minute scrutiny, assure himself that the materials are of good quality, that they have been properly prepared, and that they will secure strength and stability to the edifice. . . . . So, too, the Committee on character, when a candidate is submitted to their inspection, must pursue the same cautious and prudent course in determining whether he is or is not a stone fit for the spiritual temple. In making up their report they must not be content to say: 'We have heard nothing against this candidate; no one has come to us accusing him of crime; we therefore recommend him for admission.' . . . . The lodge demands for its own security something more. . . . . Each member of the committee should inquire for himself, not merely whether the candidate bears a good character in the community wherein he lives, but what is his occupation, reputable or infamous? his habits, his intelligence, his disposition, his private as well as his public walk, and on this and any additional information like this derived from such an inquiry, they should found their report."

I have referred at length to this matter in the expectation that the resolution of last year requiring the Grand Master's address to be read in all Lodges is to become a permanent regulation, and that these and other remarks will thus be brought directly before the members of the several lodges.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Finding it, as all my predecessors have done, an impossibility to visit any but a very few points in this vast jurisdiction, I ventured to try to carry out the scheme of Lodges of Instruction, which has been more than once suggested from this chair. Accordingly, in the fall of last year, I wrote to the several D. D. G. M.'s, and after much correspondence a list of meetings was made out. The plan was to hold one central meeting in each Masonic district, the selection of the place of meeting and all details being made by the D. D. G. M.'s, the fixing of dates being left to myself, so that I could travel from place to place successively. The programme of meetings was as follows:—

Manitou—(District No. 4) .. .. Dec. 26th, 1900.
Winnipeg—(District No. 1).. .. .. Dec. 27th, 1900.
Brandon—(District No. 6) .. .. Dec. 28th, 1900.
Moosomin—(District No. 8) .. .. Dec. 29th, 1900.
Edmonton—(District No. 9) .. .. Dec. 31st, 1900.
Calgary—(District No. 9) .. .. Jan. 1st, 1901.
Lethbridge—(District No. 10) .. .. Jan. 3rd, 1901.
Regina—(District No. 8) .. .. Jan. 4th, 1901.
Holland—(District No. 3) .. .. Jan. 7th, 1901.
Portage la Prairie—(District No. 2) .. .. .. Jan. 8th, 1901.
Minnedosa—(District No. 5) .. .. Jan. 9th, 1901.

This programme was carried out exactly as arranged, except in the case of Regina. A delayed train threw me out of that engagement to my great disappointment. I also regret having been unable to include Prince Albert (District No. 7), because of inconvenient time tables. In addition I attended a joint meeting of lodges at Hartney on April 30.

As to the success attending these meetings, and the resulting benefits, let others speak. All were largely attended, and nearly every lodge in the jurisdiction was represented at one or other of the meetings. For myself, the tour was a liberal education, and I can never forget the generous hospitality and warmth of welcome accorded to me. At each meeting I delivered an address dealing with the history, ritual and symbolism of Masonry, and from the close attention given and many enquiries made, it seemed I had touched on a topic on which information was wanted. The Grand Secretary and myself have received numerous inquiries about books, and some lodges have voluntarily established the nucleus of a lodge library.

On all hands the wish was expressed that the District Lodge of Instruction, attended by the Grand Master, might become an annual affair, and also that at our meetings of Grand Lodge one session at least be set apart as a Lodge of Instruction, and in this desire I heartily concur. It seems to me that in this country of far distances, where the opportunities of brethren meeting in fraternal converse are few, we have been missing a splendid opportunity in devoting such a representative gathering as this to purely executive work. Arrangements could be made for one or more addresses by well-qualified brethren, and opportunity given for inquiry and discussion. So important do I think this, that I would suggest the appointment of a committee to consider the matter, and make arrangements for a Lodge of Instruction at the next annual meeting. As a step in this direction I have arranged, at the request of a large number of brethren, to give an address

this evening in continuation of the subjects dealt with by me at the meetings held in the winter.

PRACTICAL MASONRY.

There is one other matter to which I feel reference should be made, namely, the finances of the Craft. While many lodges are acquiring halls of their own and furnishing them properly, it is nevertheless unfortunately true that the average lodge is not as careful of its resources as it ought to be, and it is sometimes true that it is easier to raise $100 for a ball or banquet than for some benevolent purpose. This is not because the brethren are not ready and willing to fulfil their obligations in this respect, for I am convinced that of all the teachings of Masonry, the lesson most thoroughly taken to heart is the one taught at the N. E. angle of the lodge, but because of the lack of systematic and organised effort. While Masonry is not a benevolent society in the usual sense of the term, yet since calls are frequently made on us, it is only the part of wisdom to adjust our finances on a business basis so as to meet these easily as they arise. Each Lodge should, therefore, set aside part of its finances as a relief fund and arrange for a regular addition to the same.

What applies to the individual lodge in this respect applies also to the Grand Lodge. In connection with almost every Grand Lodge there is an institution which is the living embodiment of Masonic principles, usually taking the form of a MasonicHome . Three years ago this Grand Lodge endorsed the formation of a fund for a similar purpose. During the year there has been only one addition to this fund—an amount collected at the Lodge of Instruction at Manitou, on which occasion the box was placed on the altar and each brother contributed. If on the occasion of our festival meetings this were done in every Lodge, a large sum would quickly accumulate, and there could be no more appropriate time for such an effort. In England the funds are chiefly raised by Masons becoming subscribing members, paying a certain sum in each year from half a crown (60 cents) upwards, and the results are excellent.

I mention these points by way of suggestion, but whatever methods may be adopted, I would commend this question to the earnest consideration of Masons and Lodges, in order to have arrangements made for systematic additions to this fund, so that when the day of necessity comes, as come it surely will, we may be prepared to meet it. We owe it to ourselves, having put our hands to the plow, to make the scheme a success.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let me thank the many brothers on whom at various times I have called for assistance and advice, special recognition being due to our Grand Secretary, Bro. Ovas, whose knowledge and experience materially relieved the duties of the Grand Master.

We meet to-night at an historic point in our career. This is the first Grand Lodge meeting in the new century, and with us, as with others, the question is: "What will the century bring forth?" Centuries are made up of just ordinary days like to-day and yesterday. As the days are, so will the century be. If the century is to be great, its days must be great, and we must make them so. In all the details which go to make a successful organization—regular attendance, thorough work, intelligent knowledge of the history and development of the institution, careful scrutiny of new applicants, but above all, in the genuine practice of the teachings of our noble science and royal art—may we so act that when the work of this and succeeding years is passed in review the verdict shall be, "That the builders of these days did build well."

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. THORNTON,
Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

ADDRESS TO HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee appointed to prepare an address to His Majesty the King, beg to submit the following:—

To the King's Most Gracious Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty:—We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, members of the Fraternity known as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, now in annual assembly, desire to humbly express the profound sorrow with which we learned of the

death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to convey to you our sincere and fraternal sympathy. As Masons we ever rejoiced that her late Majesty was a most gracious and generous patroness and supporter of our Order, and encouraged the observance of its teachings and principles by allowing her children to become members of it, and to take upon themselves high offices, which greatly tended to the benefit and advantage of the fraternity. We long realized in her the symbol of unity of our Empire and that her labor was continually spent in studying the best interests and welfare of her subjects. Thus she evidenced her belief in the reciprocal rights and duties of Sovereign and subject and that true happiness came to her from "Her Throne, broad based upon her people's will."

We further beg to tender to you our loyal congratulations on your succession to the Throne. We pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may extend to you the happiness of a prolonged life, the blessings of peace, and that you may further witness the continued happiness and prosperity of your subjects, feeling confident that their well-being will be as dear to your heart as to that of your illustrious mother, and be enhanced by your gracious and beneficent rule.

As members of our Ancient Fraternity, we have learned with much thankfulness that you will be pleased to accept the position of Protector of English Masons. We can join with our English brethren in paying tribute to the great services which you have rendered the Craft, and we feel that the manifold agencies for good associated with Freemasonry all over the British Empire are very much indebted to your fostering care and Patronage.

THOS. ROBINSON (Chairman),
D. J. GOGGIN.
H. LANG,
Committee.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker 10), and Resolved, That the Address to His Majesty the King, as read, be accepted and approved.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), and resolved, That the Address to His Majesty the King, as approved by Grand Lodge, be suitably engrossed and forwarded through the proper channel.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

In presenting my report as to the condition of the Lodges in the First Masonic District and of my official acts during the past year, I desire, first, to express regret that circumstances arose which made it impossible to visit some Lodges, and, secondly, to acknowledge the kind and courteous reception accorded me on every occasion.

My official acts, other than visits to Lodges, were of meagre character, and need no direct reference. During the year I took opportunity to visit the Lodges in the city as frequently as possible, generally in an informal manner, though official visitations were made to Ancient Landmark, No. 3; St. John's, No. 4; and Northern Light, No. 10; as also to Emerson, No. 6; King Solomon, No. 8, at Morris, and East Star, No. 55, at Gretna.

I need make no comment on the character of the work and enthusiasm of the Craft in Winnipeg—both are well known—but I must compliment the officers at Morris and Gretna on the manner in which candidates were passed to the second degree, that work being in progress at both Lodges on the occasion of my visits.

When at Emerson the Lodge gave tangible expression to its appreiation of the services of R. W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Garton, who has since left the Province in response to a call to work in Nova Scotia. As is well known to members of the Grand Lodge, the R. W. Bro. is an active, earnest and helpful craftsman, and his influence is made manifest in the enthusiasm and proficiency of the officers and members of Emerson Lodge. There also was present a number of brethren from Pembina, North Dakota, and St. Vincent, Minnesota, who crossed the line to join in the expression of "God speed" to R. W. Bro. Garton.

All the Lodges in the District are in a healthy and stable condition. In the city the Blue Room of the Temple has been greatly improved, nearly $2,000 having been spent in perfecting the furnishings and adornment of the chamber, making it an attractive and pleasant resort for members of the Craft. The financial returns of the several Lodges present a most satisfactory aspect, particularly that of King Solomon (Morris), which shows a considerable sum of money to its

credit, and other assets aggregating nearly $1,000. The Emerson and Stonewall Lodges own the buildings in which their respective halls are located, and all the other Lodges have comfortable quarters, well equipped in the implements of the Craft for impressive presentation of the lectures and work of the degrees.

On occasions of my visits I was always accompanied by some present or past officer of the Grand Lodge, but Bro. R. Magness, of Northern Light Lodge, was one of my companions on every trip, showing his great interest in the welfare of Masonry.

With my predecessors, I have realized the fact of many non-affiliants in the District. When I ask, "Why are not these brethren identified with some Lodge" various replies are elicited, but no satisfactory solution of the problem. The most frequent excuse given me was that, having occupied the several offices in the gift of a Lodge, the brethren lose interest in the Craft. If this be the primary reason, then there must be a lack of conception of the true aim and motive of Freemasonry. There may not be offices for all, but there is certainly work for all. The true work of a Mason is in the practice of the teachings of the symbolic tools and precepts of the lectures. In this there is opportunity of participation for every member, and no one can boast of a higher work in life than helping some young person to grasp the sublime truths of Masonic teachings and leading him to assimilate and develop a symmetrical character.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. W. TAYLOR,
D. D. G. M., First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows:—

That during the past year I visited officially all the Lodges in this District once and some of them twice, but was unable to pay a second visit to all, much as I would have liked to.

In all cases where I saw degree work it was creditably done, and the books of the Secretaries in all cases were well and neatly kept.

The District as a whole is in good financial condition, and while there has been no great rush of work, it is probably to the best interest of the Craft that progress in this direction should be slow, with due attention paid to the quality of the candidates.

Assiniboine Lodge, No. 7—On the occasion of my first official visit to this Lodge, on October 17th, I had the pleasure of dedicating their new Lodge room, and must congratulate this Lodge on having the finest and best equipped Lodge room in the District. I also saw the M. M. degree conferred on a candidate by R. W. Bro. Davidson in a very creditable manner. The books of this Lodge are very well kept. On the occasion of my second visit at the District Lodge of Instruction on January 8th, the M. W. Grand Master was present. The first degree was exemplified by Carberry Lodge, the second by Gothic Lodge, and the third by Assiniboine Lodge. While all the work was creditably done, the work of V. W. Bro. Speed in the East in the second degree was certainly the best rendered work I have seen in the District. I think all present were very much impressed with the excellent address delivered by the M. W. the G. M., and think that his principle of visiting all the Districts and on the occasion of their Lodges of Instruction cannot be too highly commended. This Lodge is in excellent financial condition and has a large membership but only a fair percentage of attendance, but through the efforts of the officers a system of Lodge instruction by means of asking and answering questions bearing on the Craft is being adopted, which I trust will have the best results. At the conclusion of the Lodge of Instruction the brethren were entertained at a banquet given by the members of Assiniboine Lodge.

Gladstone Lodge, No. 11.—I visited this Lodge on December 3rd, and found a fair number of brethren present. The E. A. degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., T. L. Morton, and the officers of the Lodge in a very satisfactory manner. The books are well kept, and the Lodge has a small cash balance.

Neepawa Lodge, No. 24.—I visited this Lodge on December 12th. There was a good attendance and the M. W. degree was worked by the officers of the Lodge very well indeed. Although there is a large arrearage of dues, this Lodge is in splendid financial condition with the best of prospects. Good attendance and active and enthusiastic officers. The examination of the candidate on this occasion was the best I have heard and speaks well for the thoroughness of the Lodge officers.

Carberry Lodge, No. 29.—I visited this Lodge officially on August 8th. Though it has been a very quiet year with this Lodge, meetings

are regularly attended and the officers are active. There is a small cash balance and the books are well and neatly kept.

Temple Lodge, No. 49. — I visited this Lodge on January 9th. There was no degree work and the opening and closing was fairly well done by the newly-elected officers. The books are well kept and the Lodge has a good cash balance. This is the only Lodge in the District with its hall devoted exclusively to Masonry.

Vermillion Lodge, No. 68.—There was no meeting of this Lodge on the occasion of my visit, owing to many of the officers being out of town. The books are well kept and there is plenty of work on hand. The brethren are to be congratulated on securing new and commodious Lodge rooms. As I was unable to be present at their dedication, I instructed W. Bro. R. C. Brown to act for me and conduct the necessary ceremonies.

Gothic Lodge, No. 75.—This Lodge, the youngest in the District, has made the best showing of any. The work is very well done, the books are very well kept, officers and members enthusiastic and has increased from 10 to 18 members during the year, the record for the District. On the occasion of my first official visit, August 13th, I constituted the Lodge and paid it another official visit on January 7th. The prospects of this Lodge are very good.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me by electing me their D. D. G. M. and for their uniformly courteous treatment, and would bespeak a continuance of the same for my successor, who, I trust, will see fit to continue the Lodge of Instruction. I think that great benefit would result in the institution of a Grand Lecturer and also of Lodge libraries. There is much to be read and learned of Masonry, far more than can be done by attending Lodge once a month and going through the work well, which seems, unfortunately, to be the limit of many Masons' interest and aspirations.

Fraternally submitted,

EUSTACE COPE,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I beg leave to submit the following report of official visits to Lodges in the Third Masonic District, viz.:—

Shiloh Lodge, No. 70.—Acting under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I visited Shiloh Lodge, No. 70, on the 8th of August, 1900, at that time under dispensation. I instituted said Lodge and installed the officers. Found Lodge working in harmony and condition of Lodge good. The attendance was large and members interested in their work. Lodge room is well lighted and furnished, in fact, one of the best in District No. 3. This was the only visit made to this Lodge, as it is not conveniently situated.

Holland Lodge. No. 63.—Visited Holland Lodge on April 3rd, 1901, officially, and have visited it several times unofficially during the year, with other members of Treherne Lodge, No. 51. These visits have tended to strengthen Masonry very materially throughout the jurisdiction of both Lodges. This Lodge has a large membership, is in strong financial condition, harmony is good and work of Lodge excellent. On the 7th of January the M. W., the Grand Master, held a Lodge of Instruction in Holland Lodge for District No. 3, Treherne Lodge putting on the first degree. The lecture given by the M. W., the G. M., was much appreciated by the brethren present, and is still spoken of as the clearest exposition of the various signs and symbols of the three degrees of Masonry they have heard. Owing to illness I was unable to be present, but had the pleasure of hearing the lecture in the Lodge room at Portage la Prairie on the 8th.

Treherne Lodge, No. 51.—Visited this Lodge officially on May 3rd. This Lodge has shown a marked improvement since the Lodge of Instruction held in Holland on January 7th, the officers being able to put on the three degrees as well as any Lodge in this jurisdiction. Four candidates have been raised to the sublime degree of M. M. during the year. Members are working in harmony, finances of the Lodge are in good shape, books well kept and prospects fair for increased membership.

Oakland Lodge, No. 9.—Visited Oakland Lodge, No. 9, on the 16th of April. This Lodge has a membership of 53, the largest in the jurisdiction. Lodge is in good financial condition, books well kept, and membership increasing. One candidate was initiated into the first

degree of Masonry and one candidate passed to the Fellowcraft degree. Work was well done, the lecture given by the Senior Warden being exceptionally well rendered.

Glenboro Lodge, No. 48.—I have tried several times to arrange for a meeting with this Lodge and failed. This Lodge has a membership of 39, but is in a dormant condition. Individual members of this Lodge with whom I have conversed are still loyal members of the Craft and very anxious to retain their charter, hoping before long to get Lodge affairs in shape. With this feeling in existence, I would not like to advise the taking away of their charter. I am satisfied a visit from the M. W., the Grand Master, or the Grand Secretary would straighten matters up.

Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67.—Their Lodge was destroyed by fire, with all their books and furniture, and up to date have not been able to hold a meeting. The Secretary informs me their paraphernalia is on the way, and they will soon be in working shape again.

Suggestions by the M. W., the Grand Master, and experience gained in visiting that Masonry would be more educative and secure a larger average attendance at regular meetings, if each Lodge had the nucleus of a library in connection with their Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. K. ROBSON,
D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District respectfully reports as follows:—

That, acting under instructions from you, I duly constituted Crystal Lodge.

That I was unavoidably absent from the institution of Napinka Lodge (through illness).

That at your request I called a meeting of the several Lodges of this District, for the purposes of instruction, at Manitou on the 26th of

December. The brethren were very much pleased with the work as exemplified by W. Bro. Leece and the very instructive address by yourself. M. W. Bro. Locke and other brethren present. I have no hesitation in recommending that a Lodge of Instruction be held annually in this District, as one cannot help noticing the good results of it in visiting the different Lodges that take part in or attend.

That during the year I have visited all the Lodges in the District, and find that the Lodges are all in a very good condition, and that the officers (with few exceptions) do their work well, and that the work done in the District is uniform. The financial condition of the District is good.

That Crystal Lodge, No. 71, is making good progress. They have just moved into a new hall and the members are very enthusiastic. This new Lodge is well able to take care of itself.

That I was particularly well pleased with the progress made by Napinka Lodge since its formation, and by the morale of the membership and the work done by the officers, and can confidently recommend them for a Charter.

That there has been an increase in the membership during the year, and two deaths reported.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness shown me by yourself, M. W. Sir, and the brethren of the District, and also to thank them for the honor they conferred on me by electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. for the Fourth District.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. R. FOLEY,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I regret very much that I am unable to make a report upon Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District, for which I was appointed D. D. G. M. last year. I expected to have been able to visit all the Lodges in the District before leaving Manitoba, and I had made arrangements to do my visiting in the months of November and December, but was

greatly disappointed when I learned that it was necessary for me to move to British Columbia sooner than I had intended.

I might say that, along with a number of the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 15, officially on their regular communication in October. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition financially and is increasing in numbers rapidly. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Peplow in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and an active interest in Masonry appears to be taken by the brethren.

I was a regular attendant at Prince of Wales Lodge up till the time I left Manitoba. I did not pay the Lodge an official visit, but I am pleased to report this Lodge in excellent shape. The officers are well skilled and enthusiastic Masons, and I am sure they will maintain the excellent reputation which the Lodge has enjoyed in the past.

In conclusion, I can only again express my regret at not being able to give the Lodges in the District that attention which any person should do, and I assure you it is not through lack of interest in Masonry on my part, but wholly through force of circumstances, that I have been unable to do so.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. JACKSON,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I have the honor to present my report of the general condition of Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District.

During the year all the Lodges in the District were visited, as follows:—

Composite Lodge, Alexander, November 1; Glenwood Lodge, Souris, November 2; Elkhorn Lodge, Elkhorn, November 5; Lebanon Lodge, Virden, November 6 and May 28; Oak Lodge Lodge, Oak Lake, December 6; Brandon Lodge, Brandon, January 8 and February 12; Hartney Lodge, Hartney, April 30.

Composite Lodge, No. 64.—On the occasion of my official visit to this Lodge I was accompanied by W. Bro. H. H. Goulter, P. M., of Lebanon Lodge, whose assistance in the visitation of this and other Lodges was greatly appreciated. Composite Lodge is in a satisfactory

condition. There were fourteen members present, W. Bro. Dickson in the East. Opening and closing ceremonies were conducted properly and business was dispatched in a businesslike way. There were no candidates for degrees. The Lodge books are in a satisfactory condition.

Glenwood Lodge, No. 27.—Glenwood brethren are to be congratulated upon having distinctly the best Lodge room, the most pleasantly and tastefully furnished in this District. There were fourteen members present, W. Bro. Taylor, W. M., presiding. There were no degrees conferred on the evening of my visit. Opening and closing ceremonies were very fair. The Secretary's books are well kept.

Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.—Three Past Masters, Bro. Pugh, Bro. Goulter and Bro. Trumbell, of Lebanon Lodge, accompanied me in visiting this Lodge and rendered great assistance by practical and thoughtful addresses. W. Bro. Hanna occupied the Master's chair. Routine work is well done here. The time was spent in the election of officers, followed by a lively discussion of some questions of Masonic law and usage. The Secretary's books are properly kept.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 4.—This is the youngest Lodge in the District. Ten members were present on the date of my visit, W. Bro. Cushing in the chair. The opening exercises were performed with a fair degree of accuracy. I have no doubt that in the work of the Lodge and in the dispatch of business the officers will soon acquire proficiency. The books are not well kept. I conferred the second degree on a candidate.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19.—This is,of course, the largest Lodge in the District. W. Bro. Halpin is Master. I visited this Lodge twice and saw several degrees conferred in an excellent manner. The Lodge is increasing in numbers and interest, and financial affairs are satisfactory. The Secretary's work is most satisfactory.

Hartney Lodge, No. 52.—I found everything prosperous in Hartney Lodge. There are forty-two members, with an average attendance of nearly twenty. The Grand Master was present on the occasion of my official visit and delivered an instructive address. The work done in this Lodge is creditable.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.—W. Bro. Holmes, W. M. I visited this Lodge twice. Excellent work is done in opening and closing ceremonies and conferring degrees. The Lodge is prosperous. I regret to say that the Secretary's books are not well kept.

The Third Annual Lodge of Instruction for this District was held at Brandon, December 28th, and an excellent programme of work was

carried through successfully. At the last moment other duties called me away from the District, and I was unable to be present. The Grand Master was present and delivered his address on Symbolism. This address has helped greatly in stimulating thought and discussion, and has evoked a great deal of interest in Masonic lore generally. The value to the Craft of these Lodges of Instruction in stirring up interest in the philosophy, history and laws of the institution must be apparent to every one. Perhaps not less important and valuable is the social and fraternal side, which has always received due attention at these meetings.

Harmony prevails throughout this District. Progress is undoubtedly being made. From the character of those who seek and gain admission to our ranks comes the promise of the continued usefulness of the Order. I am pleased to be able to report that earnest efforts are being put forth to acquire Masonic knowledge. The younger members naturally try to become well skilled in the liturgical part of Lodge work. Older members endeavor to inform themselves upon the interesting legal and ethical as well as the historical and legendary matters in which Masonry is so rich. Some of the Lodges exhibit a most commendable desire to extend their knowledge of what is being done and said in Masonry outside of our Lodge rooms, and also by the purchase of some standard works on Masonry. Glenwood and Lebanon Lodges have made good progress in this direction. It is gratifying to note that an increasingly large number of Masons are aiming at something higher in Masonic knowledge than mere mechanical accuracy in ritualistic work.

I do not find that much progress is being made in writing up the history of the formation and development of the Lodges in the books provided for that purpose. It might be well to secure the performance of this important duty by the enactment of a rule to be rigidly enforced. The other books are, usually, well kept. In one, instance, however, I noticed that no auditors' report appeared in the minute book on the date provided by the by-laws, except in 1896.

The work of the principal officers is usually well done. That of the subordinate officers is not always well done. This is to be regretted, as the effect of a ceremony may be greatly marred by inefficiency on the part of an inferior officer.

Fraternally submitted,

S. E. LANG,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, I respectfully beg to report as follows:—

In obedience to your instructions, and by the authority with which you were pleased to invest me, I proceeded on the 8th day of August last to Duck Lake and constituted, in form, the brethren of Duck Lake Lodge, U. D., into a regular Lodge, under the name of Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72; installed all the officers, with the single exception of the Junior Warden, who was unavoidably absent on a visit to Ontario, and consecrated the Lodge in due and ancient form.

In the accomplishment of this interesting and responsible task my thanks are very specially due to R. W. Bro. H. U. Bain, M. D., and R. W. Bro. T. J. Agnew, of Kinistino Lodge, and R. W. Bro. D. McIntosh, of Regina, who very kindly accompanied me from Prince Albert and afforded me such valuable assistance as enabled me to carry out your instructions in a manner which I have reason to believe to have been both satisfactory and impressive. Other brethren would willingly have accompanied me from Prince Albert were it not that it involved the loss of two full days, in addition to the expense. This was due to the fact that we are only provided with a semi-weekly train service, and this unfortunate circumstance has prevented me thus far from paying another visit to that Lodge, which I desired very much to do.

On the occasion of said visit I found the records of the Lodge very neatly and properly kept by a competent Secretary.

At the conclusion of the ceremony above mentioned the brethren of Duck Lake Lodge, very kindly entertained us at a banquet in the Queen's hotel, where we were treated with the kindest hospitality. They appear to be imbued with a true Masonic spirit, and I have reason to believe they will prove themselves worthy of our ancient and honorable traditions. I have no doubt that there is a prosperous future in store for this new and enterprising Lodge.

It was not considered necessary for me to visit Battle Lodge, No. 38, of Battleford, as owing to circumstances regrettable in themselves, but over which the resident members had no control, they found it necessary to make a voluntary surrender of their Charter, which is now in the possession of your Grand Lodge.

Being myself a member of Kinistino Lodge, No. 16, and a regular attendant upon its regular Communications, my official visits thereof

were of a purely formal nature. My first official visit to this Lodge was on the occasion of the Festival Communication held on the 27th of December last, when it was my privilege to formally install the officers-elect. I again made an official visit to this Lodge on the 5th day of April, on which occasion I made a careful inspection of the records of the Lodge and was pleased to find them properly kept by a careful and painstaking Secretary. The Lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition, the work is well performed and the degrees are conferred upon candidates in an impressive manner. The very irregular attendance of its members is, however, a very serious drawback. Some of them, indeed, seldom attend at all. Out of a membership of 56 the average attendance upon its communications being only 18. This is certainly deplorable, but how to remedy the evil is a problem that I am at present unable to solve; and I can only account for it upon the assumption that the delinquent members fail to appreciate or comprehend the grand moral principles symbolized in our beautiful, impressive and instructive ritual, or to realize the gravity of the solemn obligation voluntarily assumed by each one of them in this regard. Equally regrettable is the large number of non-affiliates for which there appears to be no available remedy, unless, indeed, the reduction of the monthly dues of 50 cents to a more moderate charge should have the desired effect, and I have reason to believe that it would, in some instances, at least. At present, however, any such reduction would appear to be impracticable.

I have to express regret, Most Worshipful Sir, that in the course of your visiting tour throughout your jurisdiction you were unable to extend your visit to this District, for, I have no doubt that a visit from you would be productive of much good in stimulating Masonic interest among us. In your absence I had reason to expect a visit from another Most Worshipful Brother, named by you as your substitute, but for some reason or other we were again disappointed.

In conclusion, I desire to express my gratitude for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me District Deputy Grand Master, and for the very cordial, hospitable and fraternal greetings with which I have been received and welcomed in the Lodges under my jurisdiction.

I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office as effectively as my humble ability and my public avocation permitted, and, I trust, in such a way as to merit the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McTAGGART,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic District, I respectfully report as follows:—

But before starting upon my report on the several Lodges in my jurisdiction during my term of office, I desire to premise such report by certain confessions of fault, and, no doubt, Masonic neglect on my part. It was not until I came to draw up this my report, that I discovered how imperfectly I had understood the duties appeartaining to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, as well as the obligations attaching thereto. Happened how it might, I had looked upon such duties as being more or less formal functions to be performed at one's personal convenience by reason of which misconception of duty I delayed making my visits till the latter portion of my year of service, thereby precluding me from visiting four of the Lodges in my District. Further, the data that I should have secured to enable me to properly frame my report to you, Most Worshipful Sir, I find I omitted to obtain "Mea Culpa," and pray indulgence on the score of my inexperience and youthfulness in the Craft.

I visited the following Lodges on the dates set opposite their respective names:—

No. 35, Moosomin Lodge, Moosomin, January 29, 1901.
No. 34, Qu'Appelle Lodge, Qu'Appelle Station, May 26, 1901.
No. 26, Moose Jaw Lodge, Moose Jaw, May 16, 1901.
No. 33, Indian Head Lodge, Indian Head, May 31, 1901.
No. 23, Wascana Lodge, Regina, June 4, 1901.
No. 61, North-West Mounted Police Lodge, Regina, June 6, 1901.

Moosomin Lodge, No. 35.—On the occasion of my official visit to this Lodge, we had the distinguished honor of the presence of the M. W. Grand Master. It was likewise the occasion of the installation of the Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. Ellis. A second and a third degree were exemplified, and the work was satisfactory. The Lodge books and Lodge room are to be commended.

Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26.—Keen interest is taken by the brethren of this Lodge in Masonry. While it has a large membership on its roll (57), yet the average attendance during the past year was 15, and on the occasion of my visit there were 17 present. The discrepancy between membership and average attendance is accounted for by the

class of occupation of a majority of its members, namely, railroaders, and whose calling necessitates frequent removals of more or less extended periods. I saw the third degree conferred by W. P. M. Bro. Fisher in a very satisfactory manner. Their books were being properly kept.

Qu'Appelle Lodge, No. 34.—There has been a reawakening in Masonic matters in this Lodge, and the inertia existing therein for some time past is represented to me to have disappeared. The attendance on my visit was good. Their Lodge room is conveniently furnished. An excellent third degree was conferred on a brother by W. P. M. Waite. The Lodge is ruled by W. Bro. the Rev. Archdeacon Sargent, who reported good prospects for Masonry in the locality. I examined the books and found them in order.

Indian Head Lodge, No. 33—W. Bro. Dr. Kemp rules this Lodge and on the occasion of my visit gave the Sublime Degree in excellent style. The reputation of this Lodge and its officers for suitability and efficiency is too well known for me to say much in the matter. A very much-to-be-commended system of reading prepared papers on Masonic subjects and points, and having open discussions thereon, prevails in this Lodge. On all occasions I have ever urged and recommended to other Lodges an adoption of such meritorious example.

The books were well kept and Lodge room convenient. The officers and members of this Lodge promise to make it the foremost Lodge in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

Wascana Lodge, No. 23—W. Bro. Dr. Low, the Master, is working up enthusiasm among the members, and from what I saw and heard on my visit, I am sure things Masonic will mend with this Lodge. I may further say I came away most agreeably disappointed with the outlook. Here I saw a second degree conferred by W.P.M. Marshall. The work was well done. I examined the books and found them properly kept.

North-West Mounted Police Lodge, No. 61—Like unto Moose Jaw Lodge, the N.W.M.P. Lodge is practically composed of members whose residence at any one point for a given time, is beyond their individual control. Surprise, therefore, should not be felt on learning that she has been lying practically dormant during the past year. Another cause of this condition was, no doubt, the fact of many of its members being absent fighting our country's battles in South Africa.

During the last month the Lodge has been reorganized. I found the books in good shape. The W. Master, Sergeant Haines, is making every possible effort to rebuild the Lodge.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge, No. 32 — I failed to visit this Lodge, having missed connections for the fixed date of my proposed visit. I however, seized the opportunity on meeting the secretary thereof, R.W. Bro. Proctor, P.D.D.G.M., a few days ago, to enquire into the affairs of the Lodge and Masonic matters in its territory. He reported Masonic matters and interests to be in good order at Fort Qu'Appelle, and that the good record of the Lodge in all respects was being kept up, though increase of membership slow. I was pleased to read of one of its P. Masters, W. Bro. Elkington, taking due interest in the craft at Dawson City, Y.T.

Wolseley and Evennng Star Lodges—I was unable to visit either of these Lodges, having delayed fixing dates too late in my year. I hear good reports, however, of Masonry from Evening Star Lodge.

I understand that Wolseley Lodge is not progressing very much. They have not been able to increase their membership, consequently the burden of keeping up the Lodge falls heavily upon the members.

Yorkton Lodge, No. 69—Though in my district, the facilities of travel make it more convenient to be visited by the D.D|G. Master for District No. 5. It would consume more than a week's time for me to have visited it. I therefore reported the facts and suggested that I be relieved of that duty.

Ashlar, Lodge, No. 47—This being my mother Lodge and of which I am an active member, I did not deem it necessary to pay an official vist thereto. The present Master is W. Bro. R. Street. I have seen him governing his Lodge as well as giving a Degree (the second) and can safely say that he is doing profitable work. The secretary's books are well kept. The Lodge room here is very inconvenient and, in fact, most unsuitable. As you are doubtless aware, their former Lodge room was burnt and some furniture damaged. Arrangements, however, have been completed for a more suitable room in new stone Town Hall here, and the brethren expect to enter into possession in the course of a month now. Masonic interest is on the increase in this locality, if one may judge from indications alone.

Throughout my district I can safely say that Masonry is progressing. Acts of true Masonic principles have not been infrequent to my personal knowledge. I may say that in all my visits after that

of Moosomin Lodge, above mentioned, I endeavored, in my feeble way, to impress each Lodge on the following points:—

A. The responsibility in proposing candidates.

B. The responsibility of the Masonic ballot, not merely to the Subordinate Lodge immediately interested, but to the Craft at large.

C. The time test for Masonic promotion, and

D. The non-sectarianism of Masonry (Craft).

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

A. B. GILLIES,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

June 11, 1901.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report and tabulated statement of the Ninth Masonic District, and I can assure you that it affords me much pleasure to state that I feel quite confident that this district will compare favorably with any in your jurisdiction for enthusiasm, consequent prosperity and efficiency in work.

As you will see by the tabulated statement sent you, there has been a very marked increase in the roll of membership of most of the Lodges, and I have no hesitation in saying that the material brought up will prove a credit to the workmen.

My first official act was the constitution and dedication of Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, under their charter, also the installation of the officers of that Lodge on August 14th, A.D. 1900. A large number of the brethren of Red Deer and sister Lodges were present. I was accompanied by W. Bro. F. F. Higgs, P.M. Bro. C. P. Marker, S.W. of Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary; also Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin, Chaplain of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, all of whom very kindly assisted me in the ceremonies.

On the 13th of October I instituted Victoria Lodge, U. D., at Fort Saskatchewan. The Lodge room at that point was recently

built by the proprietor of the Mansion House Hotel, and is very neatly fitted up with the necessary furniture and paraphernalia. I am deeply indebted to the following brethren, who at considerable loss of time and some expense, accompanied me to Fort Saskatchewan, a distance of 25 miles, which made the double journey all the more pleasant, namely:—R. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Registrar; W. Bro. Geo. T. Bragg, P.M.; Bros. J. H. Morris and J. C. Dowsett, of Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Edmonton; and Bro. R. Lloyd, of Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary. I have to thank them for the able assistance they rendered me in the ceremonies.

I have much pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted Victoria Lodge.

I also instituted Jasper Lodge, U.D., Edmonton, on the 15th October, A.D. 1900. At that time meetings were held in the hall occupied by Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, but they now occupy more central and comfortable rooms, used for Masonic purposes only, to which they have recently removed. A number of brethren from No. 53 Lodge, Edmonton, and Acacia, No. 66, Strathcona, were present, and I had the benefit of their assistance in the institution ceremony.

I would recommend that a charter be granted this Lodge also.

In addition to the above duties I have visited officially each Lodge in the district during my term of office, with the exception of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, of which I am Secretary. Being a constant attendant at the meetings of that Lodge, I can testify to the correct manner in which the work has been done.

One of the very pleasant duties which I was called upon to perform during my term of office was the presentation of a testimonial and a handsome P.D.D.G.M.'s jewel to R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown, at a regular mteting of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, held on the 8th of October, 1900. The presentation was made on behalf of Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, as a token of the high esteem in which the R.W. brother is held among the members of that Lodge, and was appropriately acknowledged by the recipient.

On December 27th I installed the officers of Bow River Lodge and Perfection Lodge, Calgary, and on the same occasion dedicated the new Masonic Hall in the "Victoria" Block, assisted by R.W. Bros. E. N. Brown and I.S.G. Vanwart, P.D.D.G.M.'s, V.W. Bro. A. W. R. Markley, W. Bros. F. F. Higgs, Geo. McDonald, J. G. Gordon, Geo. H. Webster and Pownall, P.M.'s. It was gratifying to note a very large number of brethren present during the ceremonies.

The Visit of the M.W. the Grand Master—A joint emergent meeting was held by Bow River and Perfection Lodges on January 1st, 1901, to welcome the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. R. S. Thornton on his official visit. He delivered a most instructive and stirring address on Freemasonry, coupled with exemplifications of the several degrees, which was greatly appreciated by all who had the privilege of listening to him, as well as to the eloquent address given by R. W. Bro. Lang, of Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Anthracite. Several sister Lodges were also represented at the meeting. The Grand Master also held a similar Lodge of Instruction at Edmonton on Dec. 31st., for the benefit of the Lodges of Northern Alberta. District No. 9 wishes herewith to place on record its high appreciation of the kind consideration of M.W. Bro. Thornton, and trust that the example set by him may be followed out by his successors in the future.

Like my predecessor, R.W. Bro. Brown, I would recommend that District No. 9 be divided. This recommendation is not made on account of the number of Lodges, but owing to the great distances which have to be covered, in a visit.

The district as at present constituted includes 10 Lodges, with a membership of 436 (four hundred and thirty-six). The distance between Banff and Fort Saskatchewan, the most widely separated points at which Lodges are held and which at the present time may be considered the extreme limits of the district, is 300 miles, or 600 miles for one round trip. If the district were divided there would be still two large areas of territory, each as large as any Distict Deputy should be expected to traverse (especially at his own expense). I would therefore recommend that the district be divided, say at a point midway between Innisfail and Red Deer. The Lodges would then be divided as follows:—

Central Alberta District—Bow River Lodge, No. 28; Cascade Lodge, No. 42; Innisfail Lodge, No. 58; Perfection Lodge, No. 60.

Northern Alberta District—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53; Eureka Lodge, No. 65; Acacia Lodge, No. 66; Red Deer Lodge, No. 73; Victoria, U.D.; Jasper, U.D.

Though the proposed Northern District would include the larger number of Lodges, the proposed Central District would have the larger membership. The distance from Banff to Innisfail, the extreme points in the proposed Central District, is 160 miles, and from Red Deer to Fort Saskatchewan, in the proposed Northern District, is 120 miles.

I have endeavored to fulfil the duties of the high office which was conferred on me to the best of my ability, without fear or favor, and I wish to state to Grand Lodge that Masonic District No. 9 is to be congratulated on the efficiency of the work done by its Lodges. I have had no complaints of any kind from any of the Lodges. Each and every Lodge is in a very good condition, active, harmonious and bright.

In conclusion I have to thank the brethren of the district for the many kind attentions and fraternal courtesy extended to me during my official connection with the district, and I sincerely trust that the harmony and good feeling may continue to prevail throughout the district as it exists at preesnt. I wish also to thank the Secretaries of all the Lodges for prompt attention to all our official correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN DE SOUSA,
D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, I beg to submit the following report:—

The principle feature of the year was the holding of an Emergency Convention of the Lodges comprising this district. By special request of M.W. Grand Master (desiring to visit the brethren of the different districts in a series of general district meetings), I undertook and carried out the following arrangement, viz., an Emergency Convention was called, to be held in Masonic Hall, of North Star Lodge, No. 41, at Lethbridge, on the 3rd day of January, A.L. 5901, which, with the co-operation and able assistance of the brethren in the district, proved to be (as expressed by those attending) highly gratifying, and the best meeting ever held in the district. There were in attendance 49 members of this district, foreign visitors from Vermont, U.S.A., and from Pittsburg, Ont. Programme as follows:—Introductions, etc., 9.30, a.m. to 10.00. 10.00, a.m., North

Star Lodge, No. 41, opened in form, W. Bro. Dr. Mewburn in the East, R. W. Bro. Higinbotham in the West, and Bro. Capt. R. B. Deane in the South. Reception of the M. W. Grand Master, M.W.P. Grand Master Bro. Tweed, D.D.G.M., and several Past D.D.G.M.'s, with words of welcome to the M.W.G.M. by W. Bro. Dr. Mewburn and grand honors by the Lodge, to which the M.W.G.M. made a brief reply. Lodge then proceeded with the usual routine of business. A candidate for the F.C. degree was examined as to his proficiency and was then passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. By special request Bro. Dr. C. E. Smyth, of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, delivered to the candidate, in a very able manner, the beautiful and lengthy lecture on the way to the Middle Chamber (American rite). Lodge then called from labor to refreshment. On resuming labor the Lodge was taken in charge by officers and members of Alberta Lodge, No. 37, W. Bro. Paterson in the East, R. W. Bro. Mathews in the West, and W. Bro. Gardner in the South, exemplifying the Entered Apprentice degree (Canadian rite), followed by an address by the M.W. Grand Master, in an eloquent and impressive manner, and was, without doubt, the greatest intellectual treat ever heard in this district, leaving a lasting impression on the memories of those present, and revealing the fact that many weary hours had been spent in research after Masonic information. Following was the opening of a question drawer, in which many knotty questions were propounded and satisfactorily answered by the M.W. Grand Master. Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, now assumed control, W. Bro. Hyde in the East, W. Bro. Kemmis in the West, W. Bro. Demster in the South, with other members, exemplified the degree of a Master Mason (Canadian rite). Short addresses were delivered by P.G. Master Bro. Tweed, R.W. Bro. Finley, W. Bro. Lang, all of Medicine Hat, W. Bro. Paterson, of Alberta Lodge, and others, followed by the D.D.G.M. thanking the different speakers for the many kind expressions made to himself and the members of North Star Lodge, No. 41. To say that any special praise should be given to any one Lodge for the able and efficient manner in which the different parts of the programme were carried out would only belie the expressions made by the different speakers. The meeting closed in peace and harmony at 6.30 p. m. All the members were invited to meet at 9.00 p. m., to take part in a ball and supper, given to the visiting members by North Star Lodge, No. 41. The majority of the brethren accepted the same, and it is safe to say that from the expressions heard on all sides, none were disappointed in remaining. Thus ended a meeting which I think can be placed as "for the good and welfare of the Order. May it be repeated.

I visited all the Lodges in my district (officially) during the year. You will, however, note that I have been, in most cases, somewhat late in the season, caused partly owing to the union meeting taking up my time in the early part of the year, and later on was put off by the Lodges in general, principally owing to the smallpox epidemic, and some of the towns being under quarantine regulations.

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31, I visited officially Feb. 26th, and was, to say the least, disappointed at the small attendance, there being but nine present. In looking over the register I invariably found the signatures of M.W. Bro. Tweed and R.W. Bro. Finley, good examples, but not generally followed. The W. Master and officers exemplified the "E. A." degree in a proficient manner. The membership is rapidly increasing and indications point to a strong Lodge. Members should, however, endeavor to increase the attendance. Financially the Lodge stands good. Cash on hand, $385.00. The arrearage for dues, however, is entirely too great, $209.95 for eight members, an average of $26.25 each. The records and books are neatly kept and up-to-date, Lodge neat and comfortable and furnishings properly insured. After my address to the members, M.W. Bro. Tweed made a few remarks in his clear and concise manner, after which the Lodge was closed and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent in the Lodge over a spread in which if the quantity was lacking cordiality was not.

Lodge membership, 61; meetings held, 17; average attendance, 13.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 56, I visited officially Feb. 28th. The meeting was small, seven members being present, owing to town being under quarantine. The W. Master and officers exemplified the "E.A." degree in a very creditable manner, some of the officers riding from 15 to 20 miles in order to be in attendance, which goes to show some of the material of which this young Lodge is composed. Quite a number of their members are connected with the Government and were not allowed to attend any public meeting. The records and books are correctly kept; finances show up good, only one member being in arrears, $26.50. Cash on hand, $273.29. Furnishings covered by insurance. After addressing the meeting, R.W. Bro. Barnwell and Bro. Dickson made a few remarks. After the Lodge closed all repaired to a near-by restaurant, where a very pleasant hour was spent, all leaving with the conviction that it was good to meet together. Lodge membership, 23; meetings held, 10; average attendance, 10.

Alberta Lodge, No. 37, I visited officially May 1st. By request of the M.W. Grand Master I had the pleasure of dedicating the new Lodge, which is located in a new brick block, Lodge room being used exclusively for Masonic purposes, having a Masonic club room in connection with Lodge. Hall is not large, but sufficient for requirements and neatly furnished, and I wish to congratulate the brethren on having the only hall exclusive to Masonry (as it should be) in this district. There was a very large attendance, there being 31 members present. After the dedication ceremony the Lodge opened and "F.C." degree conferred on candidate. Work conferred in the usual good and efficient style. Books and records kept in good shape. Financially the brothers appear to go more for solid comfort than a large bank balance. Cash on hand, $81,67. This Lodge also has too large an arrearange for dues, $253.12 for 24 members. Furnishings fully insured. In connection with dedication of Lodge and official visit the members gave a banquet and concert to the returning South African members, of whom they have 10, only four of whom were present. I am willing to vouch for the fact that there were present many past masters in the art of entertainng, not only in the refreshment line (some are best), but also in the vocal and instrumental line, and when we parted all were pleased with the combination. Lodge membership, 64; meetings held, 12; average attendance, 11.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 45, I visited officially May 3rd. Like the other Lodges in this district, a large percentage of members reside at a distance, many coming from a distance of 18 to 26 miles, thus guaranteeing a good attendance. There being 23 members present, the W. Master and officers exemplified the "E.A." degree to a candidate, and as Spitzie is on record as being A.I on degree work, I may say that record was adhered to. All books and records are posted in a creditable manner. Arrearage for dues is somewhat great, being 155.50 for 10 members. Lodge finances good, there being a cash balance on hand of 837.06. Lodge room is small but comfortable, and contents covered by insurance. After addressing the members, W. Bro. Hern responded, giving the brethren a few words of fatherly advice. After closing the Lodge a banquet was served in the hall, allowing introductions all round and an interchange of views on different topics, when all repaired to their couches well pleased with the evening's work and pleasures. Lodge membership, 38; meetings held, 16; average attendance, 18.

North Star Lodge, No. 41, I visited officially on May 13th. Being a member of this Lodge and a regular attendant, I am well

versed on all Lodge proceedings. When I intimated my desire to visit this Lodge officially, I was put off by the W. Master, saying a number of the members would be absent, etc., thus accounting for my late visit. More of this anon. The attendance was good; present 35 members and numerous visitors. A candidate was brought forward and the mysteries of an "E.A." conferred on him, the work being done in the usual good form, laid down by the Lodge. After the routine of Lodge business was completed the W. M. called up the brethren, proceeded to welcome me as D.D.G.M. to the Lodge of which I had long been a member, giving me a good supply of "taffy" (using a western phrase, of which our W.M. is not limited), complimenting me on the interest I had taken in the Lodge during my six years in passing through the different offices, and my regular attendance at all meetings since leaving the station in the East. I noted, however, that he was somewhat nervous in making his little speech, and attributed it to the fact that he was expecting me to "drop on him" for being the cause of delaying me in my official call to this Lodge (which I can assure you I fully intended doing). Finally, after all his "taffy" was exhausted, he stated that he regretted that some more competent brother had not been selected to perform the duties the brethren had placed upon his shoulders, that of presenting me, by the members of the Lodge, with a slight testimonial, as a token of the esteem in which I was held by the brethren, whereon he proceeded and handed to me a most elaborate and magnificent Past Master's jewel, three bar, pendant suspended, of solid gold, suitably inscribed on the back. To say that I was completely taken by surprise would be putting it "mild," although I was informed afterwards the subject had been under consideration for the past two months, not the slightest inkling had reached my ears. I am thinking the brethren lost some remarks I had in store for them (not having notes). The greater part of them had vanished, and the nervous tendencies transferred from the M.W. Master's shoulders to mine. I received the handsome jewel with many words of thanks for their kind remembrance and for the many acts of kindness shown me in the discharge of my duties in the several offices I had passed through. I then proceeded with my official address, and, as previously stated, the greater part of what I had prepared had vanished. I had even forgotten that my reports to the Grand Lodge would be late in reaching their destination. Books and records are correctly kept, arrearage for dues is somewhat large, being $144.50 for 26 members. Cash balance not large, $38.25. The Lodge, however, is in better condition than in years, and future prospects are bright. Lodge room is comfortable and furnishings

fully insured. Lodge closed, banquet given in hall, interspersed with music and songs. Number of members, 63; meetings held, 21; average attendance, 15.

Speaking in a general way, Masonry throughout this district is in a prosperous condition. The large arrearage for dues is caused principally by absent members, a number of whom are in South Africa, having volunteered for service when the call came, the different Lodges appear perfectly willing to carry the arrearage members, which speaks for itself.

The era of quality instead of quantity is at hand, and all now joining the fraternity are of the better class.

Before closing I regret to have to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of our late brother, Sergt.-Major J. A. Paterson, a member of North Star Lodge, No. 41, who lost his life while galgantly defending the old flag in South Africa. He was a true friend and brother, and like many more of our Masonic brethren, hesitated not to take up arms in support of our motherland when the call came. His death is deeply regretted by all the members of North Star, who are having a memorial "tablet wreath" made for the Lodge room, also one made to send to his brother, who is a member of Maple Leaf Lodge.

Finally, I wish to thank the Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge, No. 41, for his kindness in accompanying me on my visits to Medicine Hat Lodge and to Alberta Lodge.

Also my thanks to all the brethren in my district for the hearty welcome accorded and the many courtesies extended on the occasion of my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS McNABB,
D. D. G. M., Tenth Masonic District.

On motion of W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (42), seconded by R.W. Bro. John L. Campbell (54), the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, presented his Sixteenth Annual Report, as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

	To balance		$953 22
June 7—	Deposit Grand Secretary	$150 00	
June 19—	" " "	469 70	
July 12—	" " "	505 30	
Aug. 9—	" " "	396 50	
Oct. 10—	" " "	404 70	
Dec. 24—	" " "	122 95	
1901.			
Jan. 31—	" " "	606 95	
Feb. 28—	" " "	275 40	
Mar. 30—	" " "	390 00	
			$4275 62

EXPENDITURES.

April 7—	Order 895—Masonic Temple	$50 00
April 6—	" 896—Man. Free Press Co.	100 00
June 13—	" 897—Bulman Bros.	13 50
June 13—	" 898—Consolidated Stat'y Co.	16 05
June 13—	" 899—W. G. Scott	20 08
June 13—	" 900—G. P. Dolson	28 25
June 13—	" 901—McIntyre Bros.	31 30
June 13—	" 902—W. G. Scott	46 00
June 13—	" 903—Andrew & Co.	50 00
June 13—	" 904—The Richardson Stat. Co.	50 30
June 13—	" 905—W. G. Scott	143 88
June 26—	" 906—Jno. Bailey	15 00
June 26—	" 907—W. F. J. Robertson	5 00
June 26—	" 908—Jno. Leslie	100 00
June 26—	" 909—Mrs. A. G. Hample	50 00
July 31—	" 910—Masonic Temple Ass'n	50 00
July 31—	" 911—Can. Pac. Tel. Co.	16 65
July 31—	" 912—Blank.	
Sept. 14—	" 913—Jas. A. Ovas	53 85

Sept. 14	Order 914	The Richardson Stat. Co.	15 00
Sept. 14	" 915	The Stovel Co.	183 50
Sept. 14	" 916	T. W. Taylor	12 00
Sept. 14	" 917	Consolidated Stat. Co.	12 45
Sept. 14	" 918	E. W. Rugg & Co.	50 00
Sept. 14	" 919	H. S. Griffith	16 00
Sept. 14	" 920	Bell & Armytage	39 00
Oct. 8	" 921	Jas. A. Ovas	175 00
Oct. 8	" 922	Jas. A. Ovas	50 00
Oct. 10	Exchange		75
Nov. 13	Order 923	The Stovel Co.	3 15
Nov. 13	" 924	A. B. Cail	5 00
Nov. 13	" 925	Masonic Temple Ass'n	50 00
Nov. 22	" 926	Jas. A. Ovas	175 00
Mar. 14	" 927	T. W. Taylor	142 00
Mar. 21	" 928	Jas. A. Ovas	84 90
Mar. 21	" 929	The Richardson Stat. Co.	122 50
Mar. 21	" 930	Masonic Temple Ass'n	50 00
Mar. 21	" 931	Jas. A. Ovas	175 00
Mar. 23	" 932	E. W. Rugg & Co.	22 80
Mar. 29	" 933	D. R. Dingwall	67 00
	By balance		1984 71
	Total		$4275 62
	To balance		$1984 71

SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

	To balance	$87 69
May 31	To interest	8 78
Nov. 30	To Interest	8 94
	To balance	$605 41

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND.

	To balance	$169 32
May 11	To deposit	15 00
May 31	To interest	1 47
Nov. 30	To interest	2 55
Feb. 28	To interest	18 25
	To balance	206 59

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

	To balance	$40 81
May 31—	To interest	60
Nov. 30—	To interest	49
		$41 90
	To balance	$16 90
Oct. 10—	By cash	$25 00
	By balance	16 90
		$41 90

On motion of R.W. Bro. Thos. McNab (41), seconded by V.W. Bro. William Hopkins (52), the report of Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, presented his Annual Report as follows:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my annual report, containing a summary of the transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and the usual number distributed, as in previous years.

CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with Clause 12, Sec. 58, certificates were issued to all the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

CHARTERS TO LODGES.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, charters were issued to the following Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and consecrated and their officers installed by brethren specially commissioned for that purpose, viz.:—

Shiloh Lodge, No. 70, at Roland, in the Third Masonic District; constituted Aug. 7th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. C. R. Foley, District Deputy Grand Master.

Duck Lake Lodge, No. 72, at Duck Lake, in the Seventh Masonic District; constituted Aug. 8th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. John McTaggart, District Deputy Grand Master.

Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, at Red Deer, in the Ninth Masonic District; constituted Aug. 14th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. John de Sousa, District Deputy Grand Master.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, at Elkhorn, in the Sixth Masonic District; constituted Aug. 6th, 1900, by M.W. Bro. Dean O'Meara, Past Grand Master.

Gothic Lodge, No. 75, at Austin, in the Second Masonic District; constituted Aug. 13th, 1900, by R. W. Bro. Eustace Cope, District Deputy Grand Master.

DISPENSATION CONTINUED.

The following Lodge not having worked under Dispensation for a period of four months, as required by the Constitution, the M.W. Grand Master authorized the continuance of the Dispensation until June 1st, 1901:—

Wolseley Lodge, at Wolseley, in the Eighth Masonic District.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.W. Grand Master, Dispensations for the formation of the following new Lodges have been issued:—

Napinka Lodge, at Napinka, in the Fourth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 18th, 1900, eight charter members—W. Bro. Wm. Hopkins, W.M. Bro. Samuel A. McFetridge, Senior Warden, Bro. Vestus E. D. Casselman, Junior Warden. Instituted July 13th, 1900, by M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.

Victoria Lodge, at Fort Saskatchewan, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued June 18th, 1900, Six charter members. W. Bro. John M. Moran, W. Master; Bro. John F. Forbes, Senior Warden; Bro. John A. MacDonald, Junior Warden. Instituted Oct. 15th, 1900, by R.W. Bro. John de Sousa, District Deputy Grand Master.

Jasper Lodge, at Edmonton, in the Ninth Masonic District. Dispensation issued Aug. 8th, 1900. Seventeen Charter members. W. Bro. John Dunlop, W. Master; Bro. Duncan C. Robertson, Senior Warden; Bro. Thomas Bellamy, Junior Warden. Insituted Oct. 15th, 1900, by R.W. John de Sousa, District Deputy Grand Master.

Yukon Lodge, at Dawson, in the Eleventh Masonic District. Dispensation issued Oct. 29th, 1900. Fourteen charter members. W. Bro. C. H. Wells, W. Master; W. Bro. W. V. Tukey, Senior Warden; W. Bro. M. H. Thompson, Junior Warden. Instituted Dec. 27th, 1900, by W. Bro. R. A. Cowan.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Near this Grand Lodge.

Since the date of our last Annual Communication commissions for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:—

June 20th, 1900—R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor, of Mekiwin, from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, vice R.W. Bro. Thos. A. Cuddy, removed from the jurisdiction.

July 19th, 1900—R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard, of Boissevain, from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, vice M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell, resigned.

April 2nd, 1901—M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke, of Morden, from the Grand Lodge of South Australia, vice R.W. Bro. J. M. O'Loughlin, removed from the jurisdiction.

Near other Grand Lodges.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master commissions were issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, as follows:

April 10th, 1901—Bro. Robert Henry Hetherington, Past Master of "Aytlan" Lodge, No. 1, near the Grand Lodge of Arizona, vice Bro. Alexander Gibson Oliver.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following Dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.W. Grand Master:—

Date.	No.	Name of Lodge.	For What Granted.
1900.			
June 17.	53	Edmonton . .	To wear Masonic Clothing at Church.
" 17.	67	Wawanesa . . .	" " " "
" 18.	27	Glenwood. . . .	" " " "
" 18.	6	Emerson	" " " "
" 18.	64	Composite . . .	" " " "
" 19.	36	Doric	" " " "
" 19.	49	Temple.	" " " "
" 20.	51	Treherne. . . .	" " " "
" 22.	33	Indian Head . .	" " " "
" 22.	60	Perfection. . . .	" " " "
" 28.	8	King Solomon .	" " " "
July 7.	32	Qu'Appelle Valley.	To Install Worshipful Master.
" 19.	69	Yorkton.	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 28.	41	North Star . . .	" " " "
" 28.	41	Carberry	" " " "
Aug. 11.	52	Hartney.	" " " "
Sept. 13.	57	Evening Star . .	" " " "
Oct. 16.	73	Red Deer	" " " "
Dec. 18.	33	Indian Head . .	To hold special installation of officers.
" 22.	14	Prince of Wales.	To confer the M.M. degree within the prescribed time.
" 24.	75	Gothic	To install the W. Master.
1901.			
Jan. 12.	68	Vermillion	To hold special election and installation of officers.
Jan. 19.	27	Glenwood	To hold special installation of officers.
" 31.	70	Shiloh.	To wear Masonic clothing at Church.
" 31.	28	Bow River . . .	" " " "
" 31.	73	Red Deer . . .	" " " "
" 31.	39	Birtle	" " " "
April 2.	58	Innisfail	To install the Junior Warden.
" 25.	61	N.W.M. Police.	To hold special election and installation of officers.
May 31.	61	N.W.M. Police.	To confer the M. M. degree within the prescribed time.
" 31.	28	Bow River. . . .	To re-ballot on a rejected candidate.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.W. Grand Master examined, revised and approved the by-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:—Composite Lodge, No. 64; Glenwood Lodge, No. 27.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.W. Grand Master examined and approved amendments to the By-laws of the following Lodges, viz.:—

Emerson, Lodge .. ..No. 6.
Holland Lodge.. .. ..No. 63.
Belmont Lodge .. ..No. 13.
Gothic Lodge .. ..No. 75.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Since our last Annual Communication the charter and books of Battle Lodge, No. 38, have been received at this office. The acceptance of same by Grand Lodge is only necessary to complete the act of surrender.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

I am pleased to report that with the exception of two Lodges the half-yearly returns were transmitted to this office with such a fair degree of promptness as not to cause me any great inconvenience. The two negligent Lodges above referred to are Oakland, No. 9, and Glenboro, No. 48. The December returns of Oakland, No. 9, have not yet reached this office, and Glenboro, No. 48, has so far failed to transmit either June or December returns for 1900. Nor have I had a reply of any kind to any of my communications from either of these Lodges.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS ISSUED.

A duplicate charter was issued Treherne Lodge, No. 51, and one is now being engrossed for Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67, the originals having been destroyed by fire.

AUDITORS.

R.W. Bro. W. T. Hazley, finding it impossible to act as Auditor, the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox in his stead, who very kindly consented to discharge the duty, for which kind office so cheerfully undertaken he deserves the very cordial thanks of Grand Lodge.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following is a synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to December 27th, 1900.

Increase.

Initiated		234
Passed	224	
Raised	232	
Joined		91
Restored		18
Total increase for the year		343

Decrease.

Dimitted	109
Died	21
Suspended N. P. D.	64
Suspended U. M. C.	2
Dropped from Honorary Membership	1
Total decrease for the year	197
Net gain	146
	343
Total membership Dec. 27th, 1900	3238

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

THE GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH GRAND LODGE.

Monies received between April 1st, 1900, and March 31st, 1901.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.
1.	Prince Rupert's	$140 25	39.	Birtle	30 50
2.	Lisgar	27 00	40.	Deloraine	32 75
3.	Ancient Landmark	131 50	41.	North Star	68 75
4.	St. John's	127 25	42.	Cascade	39 25
6.	Emerson	30 25	43.	Lebanon	34 50
7.	Assiniboine	45 00	44.	Oak Lake	8 00
8.	King Solomon	53 60	45.	Spitzie	54 80
9.	Oakland	16 20	47.	Ashlar	22 50
10.	Northern Light	67 75	48.	Glenboro	5 00
11.	Gladstone	24 50	49.	Temple	29 95
12.	Stonewall	15 00	50.	Killarney	14 50
13.	Belmont	47 50	51.	Treherne	28 75
14.	Prince of Wales	47 85	52.	Hartney	47 40
15.	Corinthian	42 25	53.	Edmonton	49 05
16.	Kinistino	58 85	54.	Oriental	11 50
19.	Brandon	81 95	55.	East Star	20 75
23.	Wascana	32 25	56.	Maple Leaf	25 25
24.	Neepawa	42 30	57.	Evening Star	49 10
25.	Ionic	75 20	58.	Innisfail	32 95
26.	Moose Jaw	48 35	60.	Perfection	136 75
27.	Glenwood	43 50	61.	N. W. M. Police	10 00
28.	Bow River	90 00	62.	Russell	33 85
29.	Carberry	44 90	63.	Holland	28 75
30.	Manitou	24 25	64.	Composite	35 10
31.	Medicine Hat	66 65	65.	Eureka	33 00
32.	Qu'Appelle Valley	37 50	66.	Acacia	20 00
33.	Indian Head	53 70	67.	Wawanesa	30 10
34.	Qu'Appelle	10 25	68.	Vermillion	38 60
35.	Moosomin	54 40	69.	Yorkton	30 00
36.	Doric	62 70	70.	Shiloh	46 00
37.	Alberta	37 50	71.	Crystal	85 00
38.	Battle	5 00	72.	Duck Lake	68 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.
73.	Red Deer	72 40		Napinka	32 20
74.	Elkhorn	60 50		Jasper	26 50
75.	Gothic	73 25		Yorkton	25 00
U.D.	Wolseley	39 00		Sundries	83 75
U.D.	Victoria	25 00			
					$3323 15

CASH STATEMENT.

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer:—

1901.	Dr.	
Mar. 31	—To receipts	$3323 15
1900.	**Cr.**	
June 7	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	$150 00
" 19	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	469 70
" 28	—Cash returned to H. Galbraith	1 50
July 12	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	505 39
Aug. 9	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	396 50
Oct. 10	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	403 95
Dec. 24	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	122 95
1901.		
Jan. 31	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	606 95
Feb. 28	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	275 40
Mar. 30	—By John McKechnie, Gr. Treasurer	390 90
		$3323 15

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

From April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901.

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
895	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to June 30, 1900	$50 00
896	Manitoba Free Press Co., Grant to India Famine Fund	100 00
897	Bulman Bros. & Co., Membership Register	13 50
898	Consolidated Stationery Co., Printing	16 05
899	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	20 08

No. of Order.	In Whose Favor Drawn.	Amount.
900	G. P. Dolsen, Printing	28 25
901	McIntyre Bros., Printing	31 30
902	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Postage	46 00
903	Andrew & Co., Chain Collar to M.W. Bro. G. B. Murphy	50 00
904	Richardson Stat. & Mfg. Co., Binding Constitutions, etc.	50 30
905	W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, Salary to June 14th, 1900	143 88
906	John Bailey, Acting Grand Tyler	15 00
907	W. F. J. Robertson, Acting as Press Reporter	5 00
908	John Leslie, Grant for Expenses	100 00
909	Mrs. A. G. Hample, Refreshments	50 00
910	Masonic Temple Ass'n, Rent to Sept. 30th, 1900	50 00
911	C.P.R. Tel. Co., Cablegram to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales	16 65
913	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	53 85
914	Richardson Stat. & Mfg. Co., Binding Constitutions and Ceremonials	15 00
915	The Stovel Co., Printing Proceedings	183 50
916	T. W. Taylor, Minute Book	12 00
917	Consolidated Stationery Co., Stationery	12 45
919	H. S. Griffiths, Engrossing	16 00
920	Bell & Armytage, Lodge Seals	39 00
921	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to Sept. 15th, 1900	175 00
922	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Librarian, Grant to Library	50 00
922	The Stovel Co., Electro Cuts	3 15
924	A. B. Cail, Lodge Seal	5 00
925	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to Dec. 31st, 1900	50 00
926	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to Dec. 15th, 1900	175 00
927	T. W. Taylor, Blank Books	142 00
928	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Cash Disbursements	84 90
929	Masonic Temple Association, Rent to March 31st, 1901	50 00
930	Richardson Stationery & Mfg. Co., Blank Books	122 50
931	Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary to March 15, 1901	175 00
932	E. W. Rugg & Co., Stationery	22 80
933	D. R. Dingwall, Testimonial to R. W. Bro. W. G. Scott	67 00
		$2290 16

YEARLY STATEMENT.

March 31st, 1901.

GAINS.

Dispensations	$83 00
Charters	126 00
Constitutions	123 99
Initiations	458 00
Dues	1475 75
Certificates	376 59
L. Membership Fees	45 00
L. Membership Certificates	2 47
Past Masters' Certificates	23 87
Blank Books and Forms	67 56
Extinct Lodges	20 00
By-laws	12 25
Constitutions and Ceremonials	8 80
Burial Services	3 51
Interest	24 30

LOSSES.

Fixtures	$36 61	
Expense	69 62	
Printing	232 45	
Books and Stationery	121 15	
Rent	200 00	
Telegraphing	41 78	
Salaries	668 88	
Library Fixtures	17 48	
Regalia	8 73	
Ceremonials	4 54	
Benevolent Fund Account	25 00	
Special Grants	320 00	
Testimonials	67 00	
Insurance	25 80	
Lodge Seals	4 00	
Net Gain	888 51	
	$2851 00	$2851 00

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS.

From April 1st, 1900, to March 31st, 1901.

Initiations	$446 00
Dues	1481 50
Grand Lodge Certificates	428 00
Life Membership Fees	45 00
Life Members' Certificates	11 00
Past Masters' Certificates	31 00
Blank Books and Forms	173 15
Constitutions and Ceremonials	63 00
Constitutions	297 50
Burial Services	51 70
Ceremonials	26 80
Dispensations	65 00
By-laws	21 50
Charters	140 00
Lodge Seals	42 00
	$3323 15

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

March 31st, 1901.

ASSETS.

Blank Books and Forms	$313 03
Charters	15 00
Grand Lodge Certificates	18 30
Life Membership Certificates	44 08
Constitutions and Ceremonials	9 00
By-laws	117 04
Ceremonials	117 04
Burial Services	76 44
Constitutions	163 52
Fixtures	695 75
Regalia	165 97
Library Fixtures	337 17
Library	1633 68
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Current Account	1984 71
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Special Account	605 41
John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer, Benevolent Account	16 90
Ledger Accounts	202 20

LIABILITIES.

Ledger Accounts	$16 50	
Total Assets over Liabilities	6392 06	
	$6407 66	$6407 66

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Lodge Librarian, presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

I have the honor to submit my report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library.

BOUND PROCEEDINGS DONATED.

Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. T. S. Darwin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New York for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Missouri for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretatry.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Texas for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED.

History of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M., Illinois for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Gil. W. Barnard.

Masonic Code of Nebraska for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

Masonic Code of Nevada for 1900, the gift of R.W. Bro. C. N. Nateware, Grand Secretary.

Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, the gift of R.W. Bro. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Constitution and Code of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, the gift of R.W. Bro. Edmund A. Osborn, Grand Secretary.

History of the Introduction of Freemasonry and its Progress in the United States, the gift of R.W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Myres, Past Grand Master.

Burial Service of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, the gift of R.W. Bro. Frederic Speed, Past Grand Master.

French Prison Lodges, the gift of W. Bro. W. F. Staynes, Past Master, Lodge No. 2081, England.

The Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, the gift of W. Bro. W. F. Staynes.

Military Lodges, by Robert Freke Gould, the gift of the author.

Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, G. R., England.

Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1901, the gift of R.W. Bro. Henry E. Flavelle, Grand Secretary, G.R., Ireland.

American Manual of Legislative Practice, by the Hon. A. O. Myers, the gift of the M. C. Lilley Co.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES DONATED.

Thirty-one volumes Sessional Papers, the gift of M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy, Past Grand Master, Moosomin.

The London Graphic, complete, from 1875 to July, 1897, the gift of W. Bro. Judge Walker. In this valuable collection there are 33 bound volumes and the balance, by order of the Library Committee, are being bound, making a total, when complete, of 45 large volumes. I would respectfully suggest that the sum of forty dollars be granted for the purchase of a suitable case for the proper preservation of this magnificent donation.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are again due to Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, for his kindness in supplying the Congressional Record.

BOOKS, ETC., PURCHASED.

The World's Best Orations.. .. ..10 volumes.
The Works of Francis Parkman.. .. ..16 volumes.
Art Work on Winnipeg .. ..12 volumes.
The Queen's Reign.. .. .. 1 volume.

THANKS TO PUBLISHERS.

We again tender our thanks to the publishers of the following papers, magazines, etc., for their kindness in supplying, free of charge, copies of their respective publications, viz.:—

"Manitoba Daily Free Press."
"Winnipeg Tribune."
"Morning Telegram."
"Souris Plaindealer."
"Ancient Forester."
"Town Topics."
"Boston Ideas."
"Advance."
"The Silent Echo."
"Canadian Forester."
"Western Watchman."
"The American Tyler."
"The Masonic Chronicle."
"The Toronto Freemason."
"The Masonic Sun."
"The Texas Freemason."
"The Australian Keystone."
"The Canadian Craftsman."
"The Western Mason."
"The Orient and Sheaf."
"The Square and Compass."
"The Masonic Token."
"The Pacific Mason."
"The Masonic Voice Review."

DONATION.

Our grateful thanks are hereby tendered R.W. Bro. E. W. Rugg, for his donation of twenty dollars to the Library Fund.

READING ROOM.

The sum of $75.00, voted by the Winnipeg Lodges, has been expended during the year in providing suitable reading matter for the room. At my request each Lodge appointed one of their members to meet with M.W. Dean O'Meara and the Librarian to make the selection, and from the number of city brethren and visitors who have taken advantage of this provision during the year, I can assure the several City Lodges that their generous action is much appreciated and the matter selected by the committee freely commended.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), seconded by W. Bro. Henry Webster (70), the report of the Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

ADDRESS.

The M.W. Grand Master delivered his very interesting and instructive address on "The Great Symbol of the Craft," for which he received the hearty applause from the large number of brethren present.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), and resolved, That the Lecture of the M.W. Grand Master, on the "Great Symbol," be published as a Supplementary to the Annual Proceedings, with such amplification as the M.W. Grand Master thinks wise, and subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and Committee on Jurisprudence.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11.15 o'clock, p.m., until Thursday, June 13th, at 9.30 o'clock, a.m.

Second Day: Morning Session.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13th, at 9.45 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R.W. Bro. J. J. White. Chairman of the Committtee on the Condition of Masonry, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry respectfully present the following report:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the reports of the D. D. G. Masters of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and are pleased to find that there has been a fair increase of membership during the past year.

Your Committee regret to find from the report of the D. D. G. Master of the Third Masonic District that Glenboro Lodge is not

keeping up to its privileges, and would recommend that the incoming D. D. G. Master make a further effort, at the earliest possible date, to induce the members of that Lodge to live up to their obligations.

Your Committee regret that R.W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson, of the Fifth Masonic District, was obliged to leave the jurisdiction shortly after his election, thus preventing him from discharging his duties as he would have wished.

Your Committee recommend that the surrender of the charter, books, etc., of Battle Lodge, No. 38, be accepted, as owing to so many of their members having left the district, they find it impossible to continue as a Lodge.

Your committee concur in all that has been said by the several D D. G. Masters, re Lodges of Instruction, and of the official visits of the M.W. Grand Master.

With reference to the recommendation of the D. D. Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, that Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, be taken out of that district and placed in the Fifth Masonic District, as it is on the line of the M. & N. W. Railway, and also from the report of the D. D. Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District, recommending that, that district be divided as follows:—

That Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Cascade Lodge, No. 42, Innisfail Lodge, No. 58, Perfection Lodge, No. 60, and Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, form the Ninth Masonic District, and that a new district be formed and numbered the Twelfth Masonic District, with the following Lodges:—Edmonton Lodge, No. 53, Eureka Lodge, No. 65, Acacia Lodge, No. 66, Victoria Lodge, No. 76, and Jasper Lodge, No. 78.

Your Committee recommend Grand Lodge, under the powers granted in Section 51 of the Constitution, to alter the said districts accordingly.

Your Committee would recommend that the rank of R.W. Past District Deputy Grand Masters be conferred on the following brethren:—

R.W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor.
R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope.
R.W. Bro. James K. Robson.
R.W. Bro. C. R. Foley.

R.W. Bro. Thos. H. Jackson.
R.W. Bro. S. E. Lang.
R.W. Bro. John McTaggart.
R.W. Bro. A. B. Gillis.
R.W. Bro. John de Sousa.
R.W. Bro. Thos. McNab.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. J. WHITE,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R. W.Bro. J. J. White (25), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Fenwick (64), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence respectfully recommend official and fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and the exchange of representatives with the same.

We would also recommend that the Grand Lodge of Cuba, which was inadvertently omitted, be replaced on our list of recognized Grand Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. CAMPKIN.

On motion of R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), seconded by R.W. Bro. Jas. K. Robson (51), the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report:—

1. That we have only received one application for assistance during the year, to which we granted the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25.00).

2. That the Victorian Aged and Infirm Masons have now available a sum of eleven hundred and twelve dollars ($1,112.00). Amount to the credit of the Benevolent Account being sixteen dollars and ninety cents ($16.90).

Fund at close of last year	$1073 48
Interest accrued	20 27
Received from Manitou Lodge, No. 30.. ..	18 25
	$1112 00

Your Committee recommend that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00), due the Special Account, be returned, and that the Special and Victorian Aged and Infirm Masons' Account be placed in one fund and that in view of possible calls for benevolent work, the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) be placed to the credit of the Benevolent Account for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LESLIE,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R.W. Bro. T. L. Morton, of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges has carefully examined the books and returns of the four Lodges placed in their hands and beg to report as follows:—

VICTORIA LODGE, FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Instituted July 13th, 1900. Meetings held, 10. Initiated, 3. Passed, 1.

NAPINKA LODGE, NAPINKA.

Instituted July 13th, 1900. Meetings held, 12. Initiated, 5. Passed, 5. Raised, 3.

JASPER LODGE, EDMONTON.

Instituted October 15th, 1900. Meetings held, 8. Initiated, 5. Passed, 4. Raised, 4. Joined, 1.

YUKON LODGE, DAWSON.

Instituted 27th December, 1900. Meetings held, 12. Initiated, 10. Passed, 10. Raised, 10. Joined, 11.

And respectfully recommend that charters be granted the above Lodges, as follows:—

Victoria Lodge, No. 76—Twelfth Masonic District.
Napinka Lodge, No. 77—Fourth Masonic District.
Jasper Lodge, No. 78—Twelfth Masonic District.
Yukon Lodge, No. 79—Eleventh Masonic District.

No returns have been received from Wolseley Lodge, U.D., Wolseley, but from a letter from the Secretary showing the position in which the Lodge is, we would recommend that they be requested to return their books, etc., to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

T. L. MORTON.

On motion of R.W. Bro. T. L. Morton (11), seconded by V.W. Bro. J. S. Brayfield (19), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that during the year 1900 it authorized payment of accounts presented by the Grand Secretary, as in the summary submitted by him, which has been audited by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for the year, April 1st, 1901, to March 31st, 1902:—

Grand Secretary's Salary	$700 00
Office Rent	200 00
Printing Proceedings, 1901	250 00
Books and Stationery	100 00
Postage and Express Charges	150 00
Grant to Grand Master for Expenses	200 00
Grant to Grand Tyler	10 00
Grant to Caretaker	10 00
Insurance	25 00
Engrossing	20 00
Grant to Library	50 00
Contingent Expenses	100 00

Your Committee report that it was found necessary to have printed a considerable number of blank books for sale to Lodges, as the stock on hand had practically become exhausted. An expenditure of some $280.00 was thus necessitated, but the books yet unsold remain an asset.

Fraternally submitted,

C. N. BELL,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1,) seconded by V.W. Bro. J. C. Saul (1), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Grand Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, as follows:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same correct.

Your Auditors have much pleasure in stating that their labors were greatly reduced owing to the careful manner in which the books of Grand Lodge have been kept during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. THOMPSON BLACK,
F. J. C. COX,
Auditors.

On motion of V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Most W. Bro. Corbet Locke, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows:—

They agree most cordially with the references made in the address to the great loss the nation has suffered in the death of our beloved Queen, and with the expressions of loyalty to His Majesty King Edward VII. They note with pleasure that the Grand Master had anticipated the wish of Grand Lodge by appointing a committee to prepare an address to His Majesty expressive of that loyalty.

They express no opinion in regard to the various decisions in the matter of the physical qualifications of candidates for admission into the Order, feeling that this portion of the address should more properly be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

They particularly commend to the consideration of the members of Grand Lodge the references to the Committee on Character. The action of this committee is often of the most perfunctory character. The desire to increase the membership or augment the funds of the Lodge is too often the paramount consideration, and as a consequence men are admitted into Masonry who not only bring no strength to the institution, but are frequently a source of positive weakness. By this carelessness or worse the Lodge is very often deprived of the services of good and useful members, and others are deterred from joining the Order. Your Committee would urge the most rigid investigation of the character of all applicants, by those appointed for that purpose, and would further urge the necessity of each member assisting the Committee by every means in his power by placing before them all information he may have in his possssion.

They would direct the attention of the members of Grand Lodge to the manner in which the Grand Master, following the plan proposed at the last session of Grand Lodge, has been enabled to visit almost every part of this large jurisdiction, and meet with the brethren in Lodges of Instruction. Your Committee feel that great good has been accomplished by these gatherings, and would cordially recommend that the plan, begun so auspiciously, should, if possible, be continued in the future.

They would also heartily endorse the plan proposed by the Grand Master, by which a certain amount of instruction in the ritual work of the Order might be arranged for at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. The importance of a correct and impressive working of the ritual cannot be overestimated. Everything depends upon first impressions, and a favorable opinion of the Order cannot be conceived by the newly admitted brother if the ritual work is given in a slipshod, unassumed unintelligible manner. Any means that may assist in the bettering of the ritual work should receive the sup-

port of Grand Lodge, and your Committee would recommend this proposal to their consideration.

They would also recommend, without endorsing specifically any of the means proposed, to the attention of the Subordinate Lodges, that portion of the address referring to Practical Masonry, believing, as they do, that a matter of far-reaching importance has been referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CORBET LOCKE,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid, Chairman of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, begs to submit the following:—

Your Committee find the report of the Grand Secretary a complete and concise statement of all the details required by the Constitution of this officer of the Grand Lodge, and commend him for the care and attention which has been given to this document.

Your Committee feels that it does not exceed its duty in congratulating the Grand Lodge and the members of the Craft of this jurisdiction upon the faithful services of this permanent officer, who gives such evidence of his fitness for the responsible office which he has occupied for so short a time.

Your Committee views with gratification the fact that there is but one paragraph of this report requirng special comment. The report upon "Returns of Lodges," while satisfactory on the whole, reveals the fact that through the negligence of two secretaries, the odium of being specially named as delinquents, not only in performing the ordinary duty of making returns, but in refusing to even acknowledge the communications of the Grand Secretary, has fallen upon two Lodges in the jurisdiction. While not excusing these two Lodges from censure, your Committee feels a certain amount of sympathy for their members. Humanity is heir to many frailties, but the man who is unable to write a letter at the proper time has a disease that is incurable and makes him a danger to his fellows. We would suggest that before condemning the Lodge that the W.M. be appealed to and every reasonable opportunity be given to perform their obligations to the Grand Lodge.

The following summary, gathered from the report, may be of interest to the members of the Lodge:—

Certificates issued		58
Charters issued		6
Dispensations to form New Lodges		4
Charters surrendered		1
Increase in membership	343	
Decrease in membership	197	
Net increase		146
Total membership		3238

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. McDERMID,
Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee have had under consideration the Grand Librarian's Report, and beg to report as follows:—

1. They are pleased to note the additions to the purely Masonic portions of our Library, consisting of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges and of Masonic codes. Such gifts enrich the Masonic literature at the disposal of the brethren, in the principles, precepts and proceedings of the Craft.

2. They gladly welcome the gift of M. W. Bro. Murphy, of 31 volumes of sessional papers, and are pleased to note his gift as marking the donor's interest in the welfare of the Craft, which has always so conspicuously distinguished M.W. Bro. Murphy.

3. The very handsome and most valuable donation by M.W. Bro. Walker, of the back numbers of the Graphic, making an increase to our library of quite exceptional interest, constituting, as it does, an illustrated history of our own times. We quite agree with the Grand Librarian that the unbound portions should be bound and the whole put in a case by itself, so that the brethren may have access to it.

4. We agree with the Grand Librarian in his opinion that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the Hon. Knute Nelson for his continued kindness.

5. Your Committee approves the works purchased by the Grand Librarian. They are all of widespread and permanent interest and are a distinct enrichment of the reading matter at the disposal of the brethren, and in the opinion of your Committee are a wise investment of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

6. R.W. Bro. Rugg's zeal for the good of the Craft is so well known that it does not require incitement of a vote of thanks for his generous gift of $20.00; at the same time the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to him, and will ,we feel, sure, be gladly given.

7. Your Committee is glad to note the prosperous condition of the reading room and the increasing pleasure and benefits accruing from it to the members of the Craft in the city and elsewhere.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. O'MEARA,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), seconded by W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee on the Fraternal Dead beg leave to report as follows:—

Among the illustrious dead of sister Grand Lodges, we find the following names of worthy brethren, the official circulars informing us of their death, being rich with reminiscences of their useful and noble lives and with expressions of deepest sorrow in their decease:

M.W. Bro. Henry Clay Armstrong, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Died 17th December, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Francis Leigh Petters, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Died 6th March, 1901.

M.W. Bro. James McGinnis Brundridge, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Died 13th March, 1901.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Trounce, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Died 30th June, 1900.

M.W. Bro. W. M. Gee, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Died 28th May, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Robert Maxwell Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Killed in the Galveston disaster in September, 1900. Body never recovered.

R. W. Bro. William Reynolds Singleton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Died 23rd February, 1901.

M.W. Bro. George Dickerson Golden, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. Died 17th May, 1901.

M.W. Bro. Edwin Carlton Blackmar, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Died 7th October, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Alanson Partridge, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Died 7th July, 1900.

M.W. Bro. Edwin L. Bowring, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Died 26th October, 1900.

M.W. Bro. James A. Tulleys, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Died 21st January, 1901.

M.W. Bro. John H. Wayt, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Died 13th February, 1901.

R. W. Bro. John W. Laflin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Died 30th August, 1900.

M.W. Bro. George H. Morgan, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Died 27th July, 1900.

And M.W. Bro. G. W. Speth, of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London, England, one of the highest and best known English authorities on Masonic Jurisprudence, who died on the 19th April, 1901.

Within our own jurisdiction this Grand Lodge has been bereft of one of its officers, and Moose Jaw Lodge, No. 26, of its Worshipful Master, in the person of V.W. Bro. Francis E. Statham, a worthy man and a Mason, Director of Ceremonies in this Grand Body, who died in Medicine Hat Hospital, on the 23rd of October, 1900, and was buried at Moose Jaw with the usual Masonic ceremonies. The Craft has also suffered the loss of others, twenty of its members during the past year having passed to the great beyond.

We recommend that the usual pages of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be devoted to the commemoration of the virtues of these departed brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. HILL MYERS,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS' EXPENSES.

R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker, Chairman of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Masters' Expenses, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

The Committee appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, upon the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, beg leave to report that they have considered the question, and are of the opinion that each district should defray the reasonable travelling expenses of their respective District Deputies—and this not so much as a matter of gratuity as of right and duty.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. BAKER,
Convener.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Geo. Baker (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), the report of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Masters' Expenses was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. WILLIAM G. SCOTT, PAST GRAND SECRETARY.

R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker, Chairman of the Committee on Testimonial to R.W. Bro. William G. Scott, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

The Committee appointed by the M.W. Grand Master to procure a Testimonial for R.W. Bro. William G. Scott, on his retire-

ment from the office of Grand Secretary, after so many years of faithful service, beg leave to report that a set of silverware was purchased and presented to him at a meeting of the Lodges of the First Masonic District, held in the Masonic Temple, Thursday, December 27th, 1900, over which the M.W. Grand Master presided.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. BAKER,
Convener.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), seconded by W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (42), the report of the Committee on Testimonial to R.W. Bro. William Scott, Past Grand Secretary, was received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13):—That at the next session of this Grand Lodge, I will move that the sum of two hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

By R. W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25):—That at the next session of this Grand Lodge, I will move that the sum of fifty dollars be placed to the credit of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, to provide refreshments during the Communication.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), and Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and the Canadian Northern Railway Co.

for the very liberal rates of fare extended to its members and the ladies accompanying them.

THANKS TO ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE. No. 3.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. William C. Copeland (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), and Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, for its kindness in placing its regalia at the disposal of the Grand Officers during this Annual Communication.

THANKS TO W. BRO. THE HON. JUDGE WALKER.

It was moved by W. Bro. John R. Grant (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), and Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to W. Bro. the Hon. Judge Walker, for his valuable and much appreciated donation to the Grand Lodge Library.

THANKS TO R.W. BRO. E. W. RUGG.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. H. J. Eberts (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Thomas McNab (41), and Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered R.W. Bro. E. W. Rugg, for his generous gift to the Library Fund.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60), and Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at the City of Calgary.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

On motion of R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (15), seconded by M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell (1), the Finance Committe was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling and for other expenses during his term of office.

PAST GRAND MASTERS' DECISIONS.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. W. Harris (4), and Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to prepare and submit to Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication a list of the decisions of the several Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge. Decisions approved and disapproved.

ALTERATION OF MASONIC DISTRICTS.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (42), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), and Resolved, That the Ninth Masonic District be divided into two districts, as follows:—

Ninth Masonic District: Bow River, No. 28; Cascade, No. 42; Innisfail, No. 58; Perfection, No. 60; Red Deer, No. 73.

Twelfth Masonic District: Edmonton, No. 33; Eureka, No. 65; Acacia, No. 66; Victoria, No. 76; Jasper, No. 78.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), seconded by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), and Resolved, That Yorkton Lodge, No. 69, be changed from the Eighth Masonic District to the Fifth Masonic District.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The general business of Grand Lodge was suspended at 11 o'clock, a.m., and a Lodge of Instruction opened, conducted by W. Bro. Isaac Leece, who gave a very interesting and instructive explanation of the working of the "Emulation" Lodge, England.

THANKS TO W. BRO. ISAAC LEECE.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Baker (10), and Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to W. Bro. Isaac Leece for his entertaining and instructive lecture on the working of "Emulation" Lodge, England.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place to-day at 2 o'clock, p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 o'clock, a.m., until 2 o'clock, p.m.

Second Day: Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO YUKON LODGE.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), seconded by W. Bro. Edmund K. Beeston (10), and Resolved, That R.W. Bro. Geo. Black be requested to visit Yukon Lodge, No. 79, on behalf of Grand Lodge and convey to them our best wishes for their success.

RANK OF PAST D. D. G. MASTER.

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. J. White (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION TO CALGARY.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. G. Bell (3), seconded by V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), and Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a Committee for the purpose of making transportation arrangements for delegates attending the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at the City of Calgary, June, 1902.

MONEY GRANTS.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), and Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Benevolent account.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. C. Copeland (25), seconded by W. Bro. Herbert Radford (25), and Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, for refreshments at this Communication.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), seconded by R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), and Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), seconded by V. W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), and Resolved, That the surrender of the charter, books, etc., of Battle Lodge, No. 39, be accepted.

LETTER OF REGRET FROM M.W. BRO. THOS. TWEED.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Dear Brethren—

I regret to say that I will be unable to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge this year. I am not feeling well, and am under treatment of my medical adviser. With kindest regards, and trusting you will have a happy meeting.

I am, yours fraternally,

THOS. TWEED.

Medicine Hat, June 7th, 1901.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara (1), seconded by W. Bro. James M. Suttee (3), and Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to convey to M.W. Bro. Thos. Tweed the deepest regrets of Grand Lodge at his unavoidable absence, their warm sympathy with him in his illness, and their most earnest hope for his speedy recovery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report:—

There are 67 chartered and four Lodges U.D. on the Grand Register. Twenty-four Lodges are represented by their own officers; 10 Lodges by proxy; 24 Lodges unrepresented. There are 70 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 190.

Your Committee finds the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:—

1	Prince Rupert's,	W.	Bro.	John H. Mitchell,	W. Master.
		R.W.	"	Rev. A. B. Baird,	J. Warden.
3	Ancient Landmark,				
		W.	"	John B. Persse,	W. Master.
			"	E. A. Garrett,	J. Warden.
4	St. John's,	W.	"	D. E. McKinnon,	W. Master.
			"	J. T. Bragg,	S. Warden.
			"	Thos. Jones,	J. Warden.
7	Assiniboine,	W.	"	F. W. Clayton.	W. Master.
8	King Solomon,		"	A. A. Ballard,	S. Warden.
			"	A. S. Smith,	J. Warden.
10	Northern Light,	W.	"	James Scroggie,	W. Master.
			"	Robert Magness,	J. Warden.
11	Gladstone,	R.W.	"	Thos. L. Morton,	W. Master.
13	Belmont,	W.	"	J. R. McGregor,	W. Master.
			"	J. W. Driver,	S. Warden.
14	Prince of Wales,	W.	"	J. S. Armitage,	W. Master.
			"	S. L. Taylor,	J. Warden.
15	Corinthian,	R.W.	"	J. J. White,	Proxy.
19	Brandon,	R.W.	"	J. M. Robinson,	Proxy.
23	Wascana,	W.	"	David Low,	W. Master.
24	Neepawa,	W.	"	P. B. Hazleton,	W. Master.
			"	Thos. Donaldson,	J. Warden.
25	Ionic,	W.	"	Bro. J. J. White,	W. Master.
27	Glenwood,	M.W.	"	James A. Ovas,	Proxy.
28	Bow River,	W.	"	J. Grant Gordon,	W. Master.
29	Carberry,	W.	"	W. J. Nickle,	W. Master.
30	Manitou,	W.	"	R. W. McClung,	Proxy.
33	Indian Head,	R.W.	"	H. H. Campkin,	Proxy.
35	Moosomin,		"	H. E. Dill,	S. Warden.
37	Alberta,	V.W.	"	John C. Saul,	Proxy.
39	Birtle,	W.	"	W. B. Chapman,	Proxy.
40	Deloraine,	W.	"	C. A. Young,	Proxy.
41	North Star,	R.W.	"	Thomas McNab,	Proxy.
42	Cascade,	W.	"	J. Grant Gordon,	Proxy.

43	Lebanon,	W. Bro.	E. A. Holmes,	W. Master.
45	Spitzie,	R.W. "	W. G. Scott,	Proxy.
49	Temple,	W. "	William Cairns,	W. Master.
50	Killarney,	W. "	Isaac Leece,	Proxy.
51	Treherne,	R.W. "	Jas. K. Robson,	Proxy.
53	Edmonton,	R.W. "	E. A. Braithwaite,	Proxy.
54	Oriental,	W. "	George Stewart,	Proxy.
57	Evening Star,	M.W. "	Geo. B. Murphy,	Proxy.
58	Innisfail,	W. "	John R. Grant,	Proxy.
60	Perfection,	W. "	Geo. H. Webster,	W. Master.
61	N. W. M. Police,	R.W. "	H. J. Eberts,	Proxy.
62	Russell,	W. "	E. A. Struthers,	W. Master.
63	Holland,	W. "	F. H. Dagg,	W. Master.
64	Composite,	R.W. "	William Fenwick,	Proxy.
67	Wawanesa,	W. "	W. T. Johnston,	W. Master.
70	Shiloh,	W. "	Henry Webster,	W. Master.
73	Red Deer,	W. "	S. M. Fream,	Proxy.
74	Elkhorn,	W. "	Jos. Williamson,	W. Master.
75	Gothic,	W. "	B. P. Hepp,	W. Master.
		"	Geo. Camsell,	S. Warden.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), seconded by W. Bro. Herbert Radford (25), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the Election of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3), M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), and M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), when the election proceeded, with the following results:—

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), (re-elected) Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (15), Grand Junior Warden.

R.W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), (re-elected) Grand Treasurer.
M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas (27), (re-elected), Grand Secretary.
R.W. Bro. James M. Suttee (3), Grand Registrar.
R.W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird (1), (re-elected) Grand Chaplain.
And by open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John McBride, Winnipeg, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters:—

W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), Winnipeg, First Masonic District.
W. Bro. John Wemyss (23), Neepawa, Second Masonic District.
W. Bro. Joseph Cornell (67), Wawanesa, Third Masonic District.
W. Bro., Isaac Leece (50), Killarney, Fourth Masonic District.
W. Bro. Peter Duncan (39), Birtle, Fifth Masonic District.
W. Bro. William B. Muir (52), Hartney, Sixth Masonic District.
W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head, Eighth Masonic District.
W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside (42), Anthracite, Ninth Masonic District.

There being no election for the Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Masonic Districts, the M.W. Grand Master subsequently appointed the following brethren as District Deputy Grand Masters:—

W. Bro. Cyrus Carrol (16), Prince Albert, Seventh Masonic District.
W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), Medicine Hat, Tenth Masonic District.
W. Bro. R. A. Cowan (79), Dawson, Eleventh Masonic District.
W. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor (52), Edmonton, Twelfth Masonic District.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. T. Harry Webb (1), seconded by W. Bro. J. R. Grant (10), and Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:

V.W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (28), Grand Senior Deacon.
V.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W. Bro. James Montgomery (35), Grand D. of C.
V.W. Bro. W. F. J. Robertson (1), Grand Organist.
V.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson (30), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. D. Low (23), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Frank H. Mewburn (41), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. E. A. Struthers (62), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Alex. G. McKenzie (12), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. J. S. Armitage (14), Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. E. O. Wheeler (2), Grand Pursuivant.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren as members of the Nominating Committee to select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees:—

R.W. Bro. William G. Scott (1), convener.
M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35).

R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53).
R.W. Bro. Thos. W Taylor (4).
R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29).
R.W. Bro. James K. Robson (51).
R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard (40).
R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).
R.W. Bro. Thomas McNab (41).
W. Bro. J. S. Armitage (14).
V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43).
W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60).

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Nominating Committee reported recommending the following Standing Committees:—

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson (10), (chairman); R.W. Bro. H. J. Eberts, 10; M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13); M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (13); R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28).

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), (chairman); V.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43); R.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14); R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53); R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard (40),

ON CONDITION OF MASONRY.

M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy (35), (chairman); R.W. Bro. W. A. Windatt (3); R.W. Bro. S. E. Lang (43); W. Bro. D. Low (23); R.W. Bro. John de Sousa (28).

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3). (chairman); M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara (1); M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27); V.W. Bro. J. S. Brayfield (19); W. Bro. S. P. Fream (73).

ON BENEVOLENCE.

M.W. Bro. John Leslie (1), (chairman); R.W. Bro. William Crawford (31); R.W. Bro. G. S. McGregor (11); R.W. Bro. J. K. Robson (51); W. Bro. F. L. McKay (33).

ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

R.W. Bro. William Fenwick (64), (chairman); R.W. Bro. John McGuirl (35), W. Bro. G. H. Webster (60); R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33); R.W. Bro. Eustace Cope (29).

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), (chairman); R.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb (41); R.W. Bro. Hamilton Lang (42); W. Bro. R. G. Mathews (37); W. Bro. H. E. Hyde (45).

ON FINANCE.

W. Bro. John Robert Grant (10), (chairman); V.W. Bro. John C. Saul (1); R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4); W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25); W. Bro. J. B. Persee (3).

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (53), the report of the Nominating Committee was received and confirmed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master Elect, M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees:—

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.W. Bro. Corbett Locke (13), (convener); M.W. Bro. Thomas Tweed (31); V.W. Bro. John Cameron Saul (1).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

V.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), (convener); W. Bro. George Patterson (40); R.W. Bro. J. J. White (10).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M.W. Bro. James Dallas O'Meara (1), (convener); R.W. Bro. E. W. Rugg (3); W. Bro. John R. Grant (10).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), (convener); R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown (28); R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33).

AUDITORS.

R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4); W. Bro. F. J. C. Cox (25).

ON TRANSPORTATION TO CALGARY.

M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3), (convener); R.W. Bro. William G. Scottt (1); W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1).

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.15 o'clock, p.m., until 8 o'clock, p.m.

Second Day: Evening Session.

RESUMED LABOR.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, Grand Master.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Representatives of sister Grand Lodges, as reported present on pages 142 and 143, were duly received and welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. William G. Bell, assisted by M.W. Bro. Geo. B. Murphy.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. JOHN LESLIE.

M.W. Bro. William G. Bell, in a few appropriate words, presented M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, with a handsome chain collar, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the twenty-sixth Annual Communication was closed in *ample form* at 10.30 o'clock, p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. A. B. Baird, Grand Chaplain.

Attest:

James A. Ross

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. D. W. McDermid, Winnipeg.

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk.
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg.
"	6—Emerson	Emerson.
"	8—King Solomon	Morris.
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg.
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall.
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. John Wemyss, Neepawa.

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie.
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone.
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa.
"	29—Carberry	Carberry.
"	49—Temple	Macgregor.
"	68—Vermillion	Dauphin.
"	75—Gothic	Austin.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Joseph Cornell, Wawanesa.

No.	9—Oakland	Carman.
"	48—Glenboro	Glenboro.
"	51—Treherne	Treherne.
"	63—Holland	Holland.
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa.
"	70—Shiloh	Roland.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Isaac Leece, Killarney.

No. 13—Belmont ..... Morden.
" 30—Manitou ..... Manitou.
" 36—Doric ..... Boissevain.
" 40—Deloraine ..... Deloraine.
" 50—Killarney ..... Killarney.
" 54—Oriental ..... Melita.
" 71—Crystal ..... Crystal City.
" 77—Napinka ..... Napinka.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Peter Duncan, Birtle.

No. 14—Prince of Wales ..... Minnedosa.
" 15—Corinthian ..... Rapid City.
" 39—Birtle ..... Birtle.
" 62—Russell ..... Russell.
" 69—Yorkton ..... Yorkton.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. B. Muir, Hartney.

No. 19—Brandon ..... Brandon.
" 21—Glenwood ..... Souris.
" 43—Lebanon ..... Virden.
" 44—Oak Lake ..... Oak Lake.
" 52—Hartney ..... Hartney.
" 64—Composite ..... Alexander.
" 74—Elkhorn ..... Elkhorn.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Cyrus Carrol, Prince Albert.

No. 16—Kinistino ..... Prince Albert.
" 72—Duck Lake ..... Duck Lake.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, Indian Head.

No. 23—Wascana ..... Regina.
" 26—Moose Jaw ..... Moose Jaw.
" 32—Qu'Appelle Valley ..... Fort Qu'Appelle.
" 33—Indian Head ..... Indian Head.
" 34—Qu'Appelle ..... Qu'Appelle.
" 35—Moosomin ..... Moosomin.
" 47—Ashlar ..... Whitewood.
" 57—Evening Star ..... Grenfell.
" 61—North-West Mounted Police ..... Regina.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside, Anthracite.

No. 28—Bow River ..... Calgary.
" 42—Cascade ..... Anthracite.
" 58—Innisfail ..... Innisfail.
" 60—Perfection ..... Calgary.
" 73—Red Deer ..... Red Deer.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. Crawford, Medicine Hat.

No. 31—Medicine Hat ..... Medicine Hat.
" 37—Alberta ..... Macleod.
" 41—North Star ..... Lethbridge.
" 45—Spitzie ..... Pincher Creek.
" 56—Maple Leaf ..... Maple Creek.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. R. A. Cowan, Dawson.

No. 79—Yukon ..... Dawson.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

D. D. G. M.—R.W. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor, Edmonton.

No. 33—Edmonton ..... Edmonton.
" 65—Eureka ..... Lacombe.
" 66—Acacia ..... South Edmonton.
" 76—Victoria ..... Fort Saskatchewan.
" 78—Jasper ..... Edmonton.

RECAPITULATION.

First Masonic District	10
Second Masonic District	7
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	8
Fifth Masonic District	5
Sixth Masonic District	7
Seventh Masonic District	2
Eighth Masonic District	9
Ninth Masonic District	5
Tenth Masonic District	5
Eleventh Masonic District	1
Twelfth Masonic District	5
Total	70

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
George Talbot Stoddart .	17 April,1900.....	Prince Rupert's .	1
Alexander Polson	18 December,1900..	Prince Rupert's .	1
William Ferguson.	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
James Haddock	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Jacob Hall Holman	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Maxwell Stevenson Inglis..	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
David Savill Johnson.....	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
William Philip Riddell ..	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Edwd. Clayton S. Wetmore	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
John Albert Widdis	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
George W. Vanderslice ..	9 April, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Robert H. Shanks..	12 July, 1900.....	St. John's	4
Richard N. Willoughby..	12 July, 1900.....	St. John's	4
John G. Henry	9 April, 1900.....	Assiniboine . . .	7
Byron Francis	19 December, 1900	Assiniboine . . .	7
Albert Hudson	19 December, 1900.	Assiniboine . . .	7
Nelson Kitchen	19 December, 1900.	Assiniboine . . .	7
James Scott..	19 December, 1900.	Assiniboine . . .	7
James Edwin Riley	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . .	8
Tobias Birk	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . .	8
James Croft Kennedy. ..	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . .	8
Edmund Percy Johns. ..	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . .	8
Frederick John Hogg.....	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . .	8
Chichester A. Skeffington..	6 February, 1900..	King Solomon . .	8
William Charles Cowan ..	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James Christie	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
Robert Waugh Hill	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
Wm. Patterson Johnston...	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
Frederick Starkey..	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
James F. White	12 June, 1900.....	Oakland	9
John Ben. Brandes	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
Albert H. Shanks..	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
Peter Thompson	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
Timothy Smith	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
Thomas Henry South. ..	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
Lennox Whiteford	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
Valentine Winkler	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
Byron Fraser	12 April, 1900.....	Belmont.	13
James Gordon Grassie.....	30 November, 1900	Prince of Wales .	14
William Weatherston.. ..	30 November, 1900.	Prince of Wales .	14
Isadore Jordan Basker ..	10 August, 1900....	Prince of Wales .	14
Robert Scott Armstrong..	6 February, 1900..	Corinthian. . . .	15
Arthur Kelly	12 June, 1900.....	Brandon	19
George Dowsley Smith ..	12 June, 1900.....	Brandon	19
Thomas E. Burbeck	13 March, 1900....	Moose Jaw . . .	26

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

(*Continued.*)

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
John Bowles	13 March, 1900	Moose Jaw	26
Frederick Garnham	13 March, 1900	Moose Jaw	26
Charles J. W. Scott	12 December, 1900.	Bow River	28
T. E. Carson	12 December, 1900.	Bow River	28
J. H. Millwan	12 December, 1900.	Bow River	28
T. H. Waring	12 December, 1900.	Bow River	28
James Buckham	13 February, 1900	Qu'Appelle	34
Frederick Damand Peters	22 May, 1900	Doric	36
John Walker Davis	31 October, 1900	Alberta	37
John Edward Lamar	31 October, 1900	Alberta	37
James Rowland Scott	31 October, 1900	Alberta	37
Joseph William Smith	31 October, 1900	Alberta	37
Albert Billings Laird	14 February, 1900	Deloraine	40
William Frederick Stebbing	14 February, 1900	Deloraine	40
Henry Langford Watts	15 April, 1900	Lebanon	43
John Darley Harrison	15 April, 1900	Edmonton	53
Samuel F. Kelly	15 April, 1900	Edmonton	53
Philip Wagner	15 April, 1900	Edmonton	53
William George Lalor	18 October, 1900	Innisfail	58

SUSPENSIONS FOR U. M. C.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Frederick Smith Young	18 December, 1900.	Prince Rupert	1
Alfred M. Dalton	3 October, 1900	Neepawa	24

DROPPED FROM HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
Alfred Lewin Fortin	19 December, 1900.	Assiniboine	7

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

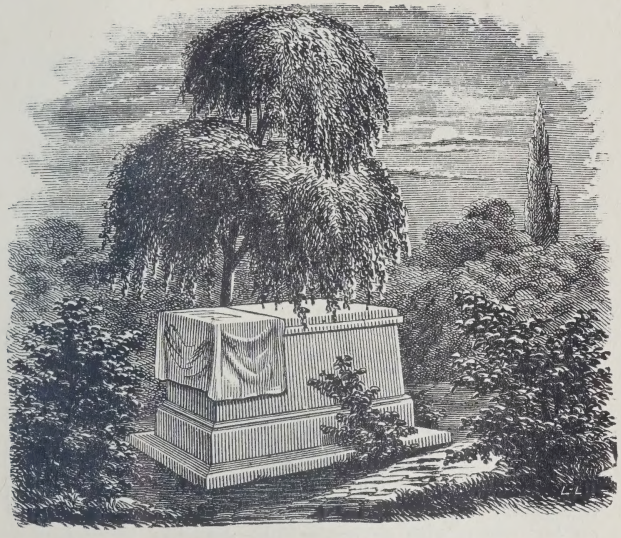
Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
Alexander McNab	2 March, 1900	Prince Rupert's	1
Alfred Codd	29 November, 1900	Prince Rupert's	1
Joseph Henry Kennedy	20 November, 1900.	Prince Rupert's	1
Charles W. Zutar	2 April, 1900	Lisgar	2
Geo. W. Vanderslice	9 April, 1900	Ancient Landmark	3
John McLellan	13 April, 1900	Prince of Wales	14
Andrew Tannahill	13 March, 1900	Brandon	19
Hugh Wilson Todd	4 April, 1900	Brandon	19
Frank Peterson	13 April, 1900	Glenwood	27
Alexander Lucas	12 February, 1900.	Bow River	28
Edmund W. Stewart	30 March, 1900	Indian Head	33
George Morton Manual	10 January, 1900	Deloraine	40
Adoniram Cates	9 May, 1900	Deloraine	40
Robert Nimmons	10 December, 1900.	North Star	41
William McKenzie	5 March, 1900	Lebanon	43
Philip Wagner	26 June, 1900	Edmonton	53

RESTORATIONS AFTER SUSPENSIONS FOR U.M.C.

Name.	Date.	Lodge.	No.
Peter Edward Blakey	15 March, 1900	Cascade	42

DEATHS 21--19 LODGES.

NAME.	DATE.	LODGE.	No.
William Henry Culver. ..	1 September, 1900	Prince Rupert's .	1
Simon Duffin	26 July, 1900.....	Ancient Landmark	3
Cecil George Woodside ..	11 March, 1900....	Assiniboine . . .	7
Robert Waters	6 June, 1900.....	Assiniboine . . .	7
Frank Alexander Brown .	28 December, 1899.	Oakland.	9
William Campbell	20 July, 1900.....	Northern Light .	10
Donald J. McCuish	9 December, 1900.	Belmont	13
Albert Caldwell Sewell ..	2 May, 1900.....	Prince of Wales .	14
Hugh John Montgomery .	16 January, 1900...	Kinistino	16
Charles Compston..	1 May, 1900.....	Moose Jaw . . .	26
Francis Edwyn Statham .	23 October, 1900...	Moose Jaw . . .	26
William Drewry Antrobus	September, 1900	Alberta	37
Robert Forbes Liston. ..	2 May, 1900.....	Battle.	38
Henry Asson	12 October, 1900...	Cascade.	42
John Spiers	28 January, 1900...	Lebanon	43
Alexander McNeill	4 August, 1900....	Treherne	51
Colin Fenie Strang.	10 December, 1900.	Edmonton. . . .	53
Ernest Harold Scott	21 May, 1900.....	Oriental	54
John B. Bird..	23 May, 1900.....	Evening Star. . .	57
Rudolph Henry Wyssman	10 April, 1900.....	Yorkton	69
Robert Miller	18 October, 1899...	Red Deer. . . .	73



In Memory

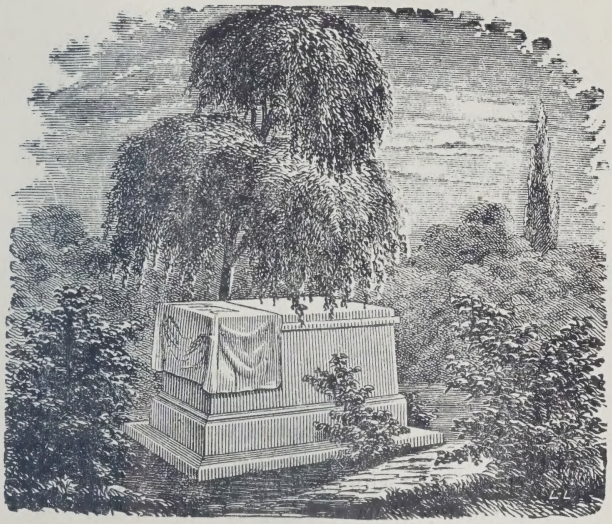
of the

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

of

Sister Grand Lodges.

"Give them the meed they have won in the past,
Give them the honors their merit forecast;
Give them the chaplets they have won in the strife,
Give them the laurels they lost with their life;
Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, these brothers of ours."

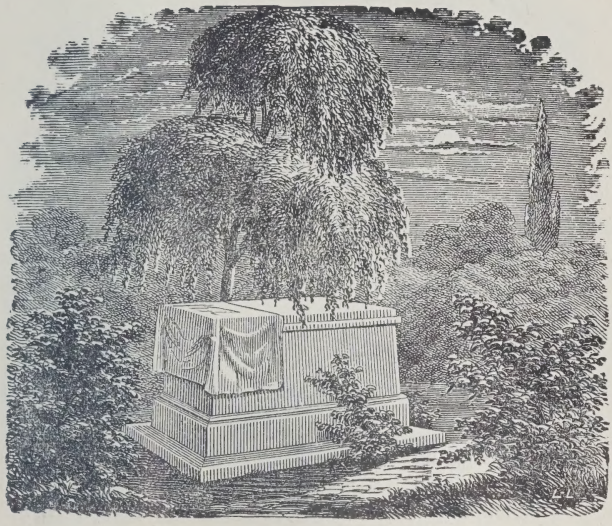


In Memory

of the

Twenty-One Brethren of the Nineteen Lodges
whose deaths have been reported during
the Masonic year Ending
Dec. 27, 1900.

"When through the deep waters God calls us to go,
The rivers shall not us overflow,
For God will be with us, all troubles to bless,
And sanctify to us our deepest distress."



In Memoriam.

V.W. BRO. FRANCIS E. STATHAM,

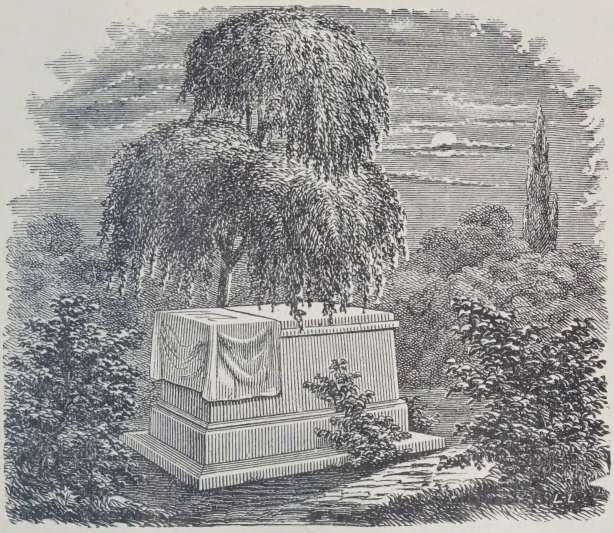
W. Master of Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26,

Moose Jaw, Assiniboia,

Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Died at Medicine Hat, Alta, Oct. 23, 1900.

Night came,
Releasing him from labor,
When a hand as from the darkness
Touched him—and he slept."



In Memoriam.

R. W. BRO. SIMON DUFFIN,

Past Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
Manitoba.

Past Grand Senior Warden.

Died at Winnipeg July 26, 1900.

"Death is that harbor whither God hath designed every one,
That there he may find rest from the cares and troubles of the world."

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, Dec. 27th, 1900.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Died.	Rejected.	Memb'rship 27th Dec., 1899.	Memb'rship 27th Dec., 1900.
1	Prince Rupert	6	6	8	4	3	4	2	1	1	3	196	201
2	Lisgar	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	58	59
3	Ancient Landmark	7	8	12	...	1	3	9	...	1	...	180	175
4	St. John's	8	11	11	5	...	2	2	...	...	1	142	151
6	Emerson	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	42
7	Assiniboine	2	2	2	1	...	4	5	...	2	...	71	62
8	King Solomon	5	5	5	1	...	1	6	...	...	...	48	47
9	Oakland	1	...	...	2	...	1	6	...	1	1	51	46
10	Northern Light	5	6	8	7	...	2	...	...	1	...	84	93
11	Gladstone	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	30	32
12	Stonewall	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	30	29
13	Belmont	2	2	3	...	...	6	8	...	1	...	90	77
14	Prince of Wales	3	5	2	1	1	2	3	...	1	...	55	55
15	Corinthian	5	5	3	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	29	32
16	Kinistino	4	5	5	2	...	3	...	...	1	1	54	56
19	Brandon	3	5	5	...	2	3	2	...	...	4	103	103
23	Wascana	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	56	51
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	47	47
25	Ionic	5	4	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	102	106
26	Moose Jaw	1	2	3	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	56	52
27	Glenwood	5	4	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	41	45
28	Bow River	5	5	7	2	1	4	4	...	...	...	93	93
29	Carberry	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	33
30	Manitou	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	34	34

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31	Medicine Hat	9	4	4	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	50	60
32	Qu'Appelle Valley	4	4	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	30	32
33	Indian Head	3	2	1	....	1	2	....	..	....	....	44	46
34	Qu'Appelle	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	22	20
35	Moosomin	4	3	3	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	61	64
36	Doric	4	4	4	....	....	2	1	....	....	2	61	62
37	Alberta	2	2	3	....	....	2	4	..	1	3	66	62
38	Battle	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	21	20
39	Birtle	....	2	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	29	27
40	Deloraine	3	2	2	..	2	5	2	....	....	1	41	39
41	North Star	7	5	5	2	1	1	....	....	....	..	54	63
42	Cascade	2	3	2	1	1	7	....	....	1	1	46	42
43	Lebanon	....	1	1	....	1	1	1	....	1	....	35	33
44	Oak Lake	....	....	....	1	....	4	....	....	....	..	30	27
45	Spitzie	5	4	4	..	..	7	..	....	....	....	41	39
47	Ashlar	2	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	28
48	Glenboro	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	40
49	Temple	3	4	4	1	....	9	....	....	....	....	35	29
50	Killarney	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	30	29
51	Treherne	3	4	4	....	..	....	..	....	1	....	25	27
52	Hartney	4	2	3	....	....	3	....	....	....	5	42	43
53	Edmonton	4	3	4	2	1	2	3	....	1	....	58	59
54	Oriental	4	4	3	2	..	....	..	..	....	....	32	38
55	East Star	2	3	3	....	....	2	..	....	....	....	20	22
56	Maple Leaf	2	2	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	22

57	Evening Star	5	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	39	44
58	Innisfail	3	3	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	22	24
60	Perfection	24	13	14	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	88
61	North-West Mounted Police	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	40	40
62	Russell	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	35
63	Holland	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	38
64	Composite	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	27
65	Eureka	2	3	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	17	21
66	Acacia	2	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	29
67	Wawanesa	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	21	22
68	Vermillion	3	3	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	26
69	Yorkton	2	2	3	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	28	31
70	Shiloh	9	6	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	14	22
71	Crystal	5	9	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	25
72	Duck Lake	6	6	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	16
73	Red Deer	12	10	9	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	12	24
74	Elkhorn	8	8	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	16
75	Gothic	7	6	6	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
		234	224	232	91	18	109	64	2	21	28	3091	3238

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Lodges marked with an asterisk hold their installation of officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, all the others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Town and Post Office Address	Municipality	Province or District.	W. Master.	Secretary.	Time of Regular Meeting.
1	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	John W. Mitchell.	G. H. Hargrave.	Third Tuesday in each month.
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Selkirk	Manitoba	R. W. Stewart	M. Moncrieff	First Monday in each month.
3	Ancient Landmark.	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	John B. Persse	J. E. Anderson	Second Monday in each month.
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	D. E. McKinnon	E. S. Shields	Second Thursday in each month.
6	Emerson*	Emerson	Franklin	Manitoba	Ezra Casselman	Jno. M. MacDonald	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Port. la Prairie	P'ge la Prairie	Manitoba	F. W. Clayton	E. W. Bateman	Third Wed'day in each month.
8	King Solomon	Morris	Morris	Manitoba	G. F. Birney	F. N. Bell	First Tuesday in each month.
9	Oakland	Carman	Dufferin	Manitoba	A. F. Badger	R. J. McConnell.	Tuesday on or before full moon.
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	James Scroggie	William Hill	Third Thursday in each month.
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Westbourne	Manitoba	T. L. Morton	John Ferguson	Monday on or before full moon.
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Rockwood	Manitoba	A. R. Leonard	T. Ramsay	Tuesday on or before full moon.
13	Belmont	Morden	Stanley	Manitoba	Jas. R. McGregor.	John Gilchrist	Thursd'y on or before full moon.
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Odanah	Manitoba	J. S. Armitage	W. H. Sparling.	Friday on or before full moon.
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Saskatchewan.	Manitoba	R. P. Crookshank.	A. F. LePage	First Tuesday in each month.
16	Kinistino	Prince Albert		Saskatch'n	John F. Betts	James Stewart	First Friday in each month.
19	Brandon	Brandon	Brandon	Manitoba	N. J. Halpin	H. L. Adolph	Second Tuesday in each month.
23	Wascana	Regina		Assiniboia.	David Low	T. W. Peart	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Langford	Manitoba	P. B. Hazleton	John Wemyss	Wed'day on or before full moon.
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	Manitoba	J. J. White	W. C. Copeland	First Friday in each month.
26	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw		Assiniboia.	Alexander Brechin.	Henry Sikes	Second Tuesday in each month.
27	Glenwood	Souris	Glenwood	Manitoba	S. S. Smith	W. H. Menarey.	Friday on or before full moon.
28	Bow River	Calgary		Alberta	J. Grant Gordon	John de Sousa	Second Monday in each month.
29	Carberry	Carberry	North Cypress	Manitoba	William J. Nickel.	J. J. Armstrong.	Tuesday on or before full moon.
30	Manitou	Manitou	Pembina	Manitoba	John S. Grant	R. W. McClung.	Friday on or before full moon.
31	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat		Assiniboia.	James Cook	E. J. Fewings	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Qu'Appelle Valley*	Fort Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia.	Robert Williams	F. S. Proctor	Tuesday on or after full moon.
33	Indian Head	Indian Head		Assiniboia.	John W. Kemp	James McAra	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle		Assiniboia.	Geo. W. Vicars	William Clark	Tuesday on or before full moon.
35	Moosomin	Moosomin		Assiniboia.	D. D. Ellis	Chas. A. Woelfe	Wed'day on or before full moon.
36	Doric*	Boissevain	Morton	Manitoba	William Hanley	James D. Baine.	Fourth Tuesday in each month
37	Alberta	Macleod		Alberta	C. W. E. Gardner.	Arthur Young	Wed'day on or before full moon.

39	Birtle	Birtle	Birtle	Manitoba	John B. Haines	Peter Duncan	Second Monday in each month.
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Winchester	Manitoba	W. H. Wilson	D. J. Wright	Wed'day on or before full moon.
41	North Star*	Lethbridge		Alberta	John H. Fleetwood	J. H. Cavanah	Second Monday in each month.
42	Cascade	Anthracite		Alberta	Thomas E. Wilson	Hamilton Lang	Thursday on or before full moon
43	Lebanon*	Virden	Wallace	Manitoba	E. A. Holmes	F. J. Baird	Tuesday on or before full moon.
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Sifton	Manitoba	T. B. Mitchell	W. J. Hellwell	Thursday on or before full moon
45	Spitzie	Pincher Creek		Alberta	A. R. Dempster	Hugh R. Grant	Friday on or before full moon.
47	Ashlar	Whitewood		Assiniboia	R. Street	R. Goldschmidt	Tuesday on or before full moon.
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	South Cypress	Manitoba	William Noble	Fred T. Axford	Second Monday in each month.
49	Temple	Macgregor	North Norfolk	Manitoba	William Cairns	Frank M. Berry	Wed'day on or after full moon.
50	Killarney*	Killarney	Turtle Mtn.	Manitoba	W. J. Sanders	W. J. Cowan	Friday on or before full moon.
51	Treherne	Treherne	South Norfolk	Manitoba	John Coulter	James Golley	Friday on or before full moon.
52	Hartney	Hartney	Cameron	Manitoba	Richard Shore	C. D. Batty	Tuesday on or before full moon.
53	Edmonton	Edmonton		Alberta	W. T. Henry	R. B. Ferguson	Third Thursday in each month.
54	Oriental	Melita	Arthur	Manitoba	George Stewart	T. H. Menarey	Friday on or before full moon.
55	East Star	Gretna	Rhineland	Manitoba	J. D. Tomkins	Charles Wahn	Wed'day on or before full moon.
56	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek		Assiniboia	A. J. Smith	Wm. A. Douglas	Thursday on or before full moon
57	Evening Star	Grenfell		Assiniboia	R. A. Copeland	J. C. Copeland	Tuesday on or after full moon.
58	Innisfail	Innisfail		Alberta	S. J. Curry	R. M. Archer	Third Thursday in each month.
60	Perfection	Calgary		Alberta	John G. May	J. G. Terry	Third Tuesday in each month.
61	N.W.M. Police	Regina		Assiniboia	Robert Belcher	Frank Church	First Thursday in each month.
62	Russell	Russell	Russell	Manitoba	E. A. Struthers	W. B. Lennard	Wed'day on or before full moon.
63	Holland	Holland	South Norfolk	Manitoba	F. H. Dagg	R. L. Rixon	Wed'day on or before full moon.
64	Composite	Alexander	Whitehead	Manitoba	R. B. Dafoe	William Fenwick	Thursday on or before full moon
65	Eureka	Lacombe		Alberta	W. L. Elliott	I. N. Burdick	First Wednesday in each month.
66	Acacia	Strathcona		Alberta	D. S. McKenzie	W. G. Richardson	Second Thursday in each month.
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	Oakland	Manitoba	W. T. Johnston	F. D. Barclay	Monday on or before full moon.
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	Dauphin	Manitoba	Thomas Young	John E. Hedderley	First Tuesday in each month.
69	Yorkton	Yorkton		Assiniboia	Geo. C. C. Whalley	John L. Magrath	Thursday on or before full moon
70	Shiloh	Roland	Dufferin	Manitoba	Henry Webster	Jos. E. Mawson	Thursday on or after full moon.
71	Crystal	Crystal City	Louise	Manitoba	W. P. Sparling	William G. Duff	Tuesday on or before full moon.
72	Duck Lake	Duck Lake		Saskatch'n	William Fawcett	J. H. Price	Second Wed'day in each month.
73	Red Deer	Red Deer		Alberta	Philisk Pidgeon	Tom Brindle	Second Tuesday in each month.
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Wallace	Manitoba	Joseph Williamson	Chas. F. Travis	Monday on or before full moon.
75	Gothic	Austin	North Norfolk	Manitoba	R. P. Hepp	W. Dalgleish	Monday on or after full moon.
76	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan		Alberta	John M. Moran	James Ritchie	Tuesday on or before full moon.
77	Napinka	Napinka		Manitoba	William Hopkins	A. Cates	Thursday on or before full moon
78	Jasper	Edmonton		Alberta	J. J. Dunlop	C.H.Stuart Wade	Second Monday in each month.
79	Yukon	Dawson		Yukon	C. H. Wells	J. A. Donald	Last Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

ELECTED. WHEN	GRAND MASTERS.	DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.	GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	GRAND REGISTRARS.	GRAND CHAPLAINS.
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke.	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson.....	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell.	§H. T. Champion	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy.	Jas. Henderson.	*S. L. Bedson.	G. F. Newcomb...	§J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	J. W. Harris....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1877	G. F. Newcomb...	Jas. Henderson.	John W. Harris	.....	§J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1878	G. F. Newcomb....	John W. Harris.	*Simon Duffin.	*F. T. Bradley....	§J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	*Col. John Kennedy.	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson.	John W. Harris.	*Simon Duffin.	R. McQuaig.....	§J. J. Johnson....	*John H. Bell.	§James Munroe.	Rev. James Flett.
1880	*John H. Bell.....	.....	*Hon. G. McMicken.	†J. M. McGregor.	§J. J. Johnson....	Wm. G. Scott.	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1881	*John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott...	†D. B. Murray	.....	§J. J. Johnson....	Jas. Henderson	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1882	*John H. Bell.....	Wm. G. Scott...	†Alf'd Pearson	.....	§J. J. Johnson....	.....	†D. G. Dick.....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1883	*John H. Bell.....	†D. B. Murray..	R. McQuaig...	†John Smith, M.D	§J. J. Johnson....	Wm. G. Scott.	D. Young, M.D..	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1884	*John H. Bell... ..	.....	* Rev. J. M. Wellwood.	N. J. Lindsay, M.D.	§J. J. Johnson....	Wm. G. Scott.	†Wm. Simpson.	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1885	.....	†Alfred Pearson	P. McGregor..	†Thos. Collins....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	*J. W. H. Wilson.	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood.
1886	†Alfred Pearson...	Peter McGregor.	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	Wm. G. Bell....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1887	*Thomas Clark....	John A. Kerr...	Jas. A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	Jas. S. Greig....	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1888	*Thomas Clark....	James A. Ovas..	Wm. G. Bell..	R. C. Brown.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	Joseph Daniel...	Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara.
1889	Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara.	Wm. G. Bell....	Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	James A. Payne ...	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.

1890	James A. Ovas...	Wm. G. Bell....	†T.McPherson	Fred L. Newman.	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	†R.WWoodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding.
1891	Wm. G. Bell.....	*John W. H.Wilson.	Rich'dD.Foley	John Leslie.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	James G. Dagg..	†Rev. William J. Garton.
1892	*JohnW.H.Wilson.	D. J. Goggin....	F. G. Lewin...	Thos. Robinson...	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	Wm. A. Windatt	Rev. William J. Garton.
1893	D. J. Goggin.....	Thos. Robinson.	Thos. Tweed..	Corbet Locke.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	J. H. Munson...	†Rev. William J. Garton.
1894	Thomas Tweed....	Charles N. Bell.	Corbet Locke.	Hugh U. Bain.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper.	Rev.C.B.Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell....	Corbet Locke...	James Leslie..	G. B. Murphy.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	*John Chambers	Rev.C.B.Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke.....	John Leslie.....	F. L. Newman	T. F. English.....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	C. N. Mitchell...	Rev. J. W. Matheson.
1897	Thomas Robinson.	G. B. Murphy...	†Rev.W.J.Garton.	Wm. Crawford....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	J. O. Smith.....	Rev. Andrew Chisholm.
1898	George B. Murphy.	H. J. Eberts....	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	Edgar W. Rugg.	Rev. C.R. Littler
1899	John Leslie.....	R. S. Thornton.	W. A. Windatt	S. B. Jameson....	John McKechnie..	Wm. G. Scott.	J. A. Sutherland	Rev. J.W. Muirhead.
1900	R. S. Thornton.....	†W. Jno. Garton	Wm. Fenwick.	R. Hill Myers.....	John McKechnie..	James A. Ovas	E.A.Braithwaite	Rev. A. B. Baird.
1901	R. S. Thornton....	R. Hill Myers...	E. A. Braithwaite.	Rev. A. Chisholm.	John McKechnie..	James A. Ovas	James M. Suttie	Rev. A. B. Baird.

*Dead. †Removed from jurisdiction. §Withdrawn from Masonry.

GRAND OFFICERS—1901.

M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (40), Deloraine .....Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), Minnedosa ..Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. E .A. Braithwaite (53), Edmonton ....Gr. Sen. Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. A. Chisholm (15), Macgregor ...Gr. Jun. Warden.
R. W. Bro. D. W. McDermid (1), Winnipeg .. ....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), Neepawa.. .. .. ..D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. Joseph Cornell (67), Wawanesa.....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. Isaac Leese (50), Killarney .....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. Peter Duncan (39), Birtle .....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. William B. Muir (52), Hartney.....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. Cyrus Carrol (16), Prince Albert ....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. H. H. Campkin (33), Indian Head ....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside (42), Anthracite ....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Crawford (31), Medicine Hat ....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. R. A .Cowan (79), Dawson .....D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. Hedley Clarence Taylor (53), Edmonton,D.D.G. Master.
R. W. Bro. John McKechnie (1), Winnipeg ....Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), Winnipeg .....Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. James M. Suttee (3), Winnipeg .....Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird (1), Winnipeg .....Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. J. Grant Gordon (28), Calgary ..Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Winnipeg, Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. James Montgomery (35), Moosomin.. ....
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. W. F. J. Robertson (1), Winnipeg....Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. J. H. Anderson (30), Manitou .....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. David Low (23), Regina .....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. E. A. Struthers (62), Russell .....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. H. J. Pugh (43), Virden .... Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Webster (60), Calgary .....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Alex. G. McKenzie (12), Stonewall ....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. J. S. Armitage (14), Minnedosa.....Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Frank H. Mewburn (41), Lethbridge..Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. E. O. Wheeler (2), Winnipeg .....Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John McBride (3), Winnipeg .....Grand Tyler.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
British Columbia....	W. J. Quinlan.....	Victoria.
Canada (in Ontario).	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt...	St. John's.
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas Mowbray...	Halifax.
Prince Edward Island	Neil McKelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	J. H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England.....	Edward Letchworth.	London.
Ireland	H. T. Flavelle, D.G.S.	Dublin.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Edinburgh.

UNITED STATES.

Alabama.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp.	Montgomery, Mas. T.
Arizona.....	Geo. J. Roskruge....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Connecticut.....	Geo. Johnston.....	San Francisco, Mas. T.
Colorado.....	Edward C. Parmelee.	Denver.
California	John H. Barlow....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Benj. F. Bartram ...	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.	Alvine W. Johnston.	Washington, Mas. T.
Florida.....	Wilbur P. Webster .	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho.....	T. W. Randall.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather..	Indianapolis, Mas. T.
Indian Territory....	J. S. Murrow.....	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson...	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant.....	Louisville, Mas. T.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert....	New Orleans, Dw'r 81.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Mediary...	Baltimore, Mas. T.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.	Boston, Mas. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover.	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Thos. Montgomery.	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena, Mas. Temple.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Plattsmouth.
Nevada	C. N. Noteware	Carson.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thos. H. R. Redway.	Trenton, Mas. T.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albrequerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers.	New York Mas. Temple.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	F. J. Thompson	Fargo.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnatti.
Oklahama	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson.	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, Mas. T.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams.	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston, Box 5.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City, Box 5.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds.	Burlington.
Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington.	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Geo. W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	Wm. M. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Cuba	Amelio Miranda	Havana.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Auckland.
South Australia	Jas. H. Cunningham.	Adelaide.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

In the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison.....	Victoria.....	January 9, 1878
Canada.....	Amelius Irving...	Hamilton.....	January 14, 1876
New Brunswick.	Donald Munroe..	Woodstock....	April 20, 1892
Nova Scotia....	Geo.W.G. Bonner,	Halifax.....	January ,7 1899
Prince Ed'd Is'd.	Thos. A. McLean.	Charlotteto'n..	February 21, 1876
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte...	Montreal.....	Sept. 30, 1885

In the United Kingdom.

England.....	S. G. Kirchhoffer.	London.....	July 1, 1901
Ireland.....	Rt.R'dJ.B.Crozier	Dublin.....	October 25, 1898
Scotland.....	Jas. Melville.....	Edinburgh....	October 30, 1889

In the United States.

Alabama.....	J. W. Carmichael.	Ozard.....	May 8, 1886
Arizona.....	R.H.Hetherington	Prescott.....	April 10, 1901
Arkansas.....	A. A. Gibson....	Hope.....	January 5, 1887
California.....	Niles Searls.....	Nevada.....	May 13, 1896
Colorado.....	Jethhro E. Sanford	Durango.....	Sept. 10, 1891
Connecticut.....	Geo. W. Bentley..	New London..	March 2, 1876
Delaware.....	And'w L. Johnson	Wilmington...	October 16, 1895
Dis. of Columbia	J. F. R. Appleby...	Washington...	October 6, 1884
Florida.....	Wm. M. McIntosh	Tallahassee....	January 6, 1879
Georgia.....	James M. Levy..	Covington....	March 17, 1887
Idaho.....	Martin Cathcart.	Placerville....	June 9, 1879
Illinois.....	Jacob Krohn.....	Freeport.....	March 27, 1884
Indian Territory	William Jas. Oak.	Goodland.....	March 18, 1898
Iowa.....	G. M. VanLeuven.	Osage.....	Sept. 30, 1885
Kansas.....	Abijah Wells.....	Seneca.....	December 10, 1886
Louisiana.....	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles..	May 1, 1895
Maine.....	A. W. Wetherbee.	Warren.....	March 30, 1877
Maryland.....	Wm. H. Ruby...	Towson.....	January 10, 1884
Michigan.....	Wm. T. Mitchell..	Port Huron...	November 16, 1883
Minnesota.....	H. C. Shepard...	Winona.....	February 4, 1893

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

In the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	Date of Appointment.
Mississippi.....	John Rice.....	Sardis.....	December 7, 1876
Missouri.....	W. R. Stubblefield	Salem.....	January 20, 1899
Montana.....	Julian M. Knight.	Virginia City.	Nov. 29, 1875
Nebraska.....	Job J. King.....	O'Neil.....	Nov. 1, 1899
Nevada.....	Alex. O. Percy....	Gold Hill.....	July 23, 1897
New Hampshire	Joseph Kidder...	Manchester....	December 5, 1887
New Jersey.....	Charles H. Stiles..	Burlington....	Nov. 23, 1894
New Mexico...	Sim. B. Newcomb	Aztec.....	March 27, 1879
New York.....	Robert Roberts...	New York....	Dec. 10, 1892
North Carolina.	Samuel H. Smith	Winston.....	May 13, 1891
North Dakota..	Thomas Nisbet...	Grand Forks..	March 15, 1899
Ohio.....	Rev. C. G. Martin.	Sandusky.....	July 31, 1899
Oregon.....	Wm. H. Hobson..	Salem.....	January 24, 1899
Rhode Island...	W. Lester Hill..	Providence....	February 4, 1899
South Carolina.	Charles Inglesby.	Charleston....	April 10, 1876
South Dakota..	Willie T. Porter.	Lead City.....	March 15, 1890
Tennessee.....	Milton H. Price.	De Soto.....	April 11, 1899
Texas.....	E. J. Simpkins...	Corsicana.....	Sept. 16, 1891
Utah.....	Adolph Anderson.	Salt Lake City	Sept. 12, 1890
Vermont.....	Elroy B. Whittaker	Hinesburg....	May 20, 1891
Virginia.....	Frank Gilmer....	Charlottesville.	February 8, 1899
Washington....	Edward R. Hare.	Tacoma.....	January 12, 1900
West Virginia..	James Luke, Jr...	New Cumberl'd	Dec. 10, 1898
Wisconsin.....	John Gill.....	Milwaukee....	July 24, 1899

In Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of.	Rafael Joglar.....	Havana.....	May 13, 1891
New South Wale	Ellis Robinson...	Sidney.....	Nov. 10, 1893
New Zealand....	Hon. Hy. Feldwick	Tuvercargill...	Dec. 10, 1892
South Australia.	Jas. Magor Symons	Moonta.....	January 7, 1892
Victoria.....	R. Kilpatrick.....	Melbourne....	February 16, 1891

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

From the Dominion of Canada.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Canada.....	Rev.S.P.Matheson	Winnipeg.....	October 6, 1885
British Columbia	James A. Carley..	Winnipeg.....	Sept. 5, 1894
New Brunswick.	John McGuirl....	Moosomin....	April 6, 1899
Nova Scotia....	Rev.J. D. O'Meara	Winnipeg.....	April 20, 1899
Prince E. Island.	John J. Jackson..	Winnipeg.....	June 22, 1899
Quebec.....	J.Thompson Black.	Winnipeg.....	June 12, 1895

From the United Kingdom.

England.....	Thomas Robinson	Winnipeg.....	October 15, 1869
Ireland.....	Wm. G. Scott....	Winnipeg.....	October 6, 1890
Scotland.....	Wm. G. Bell.....	Winnipeg.....	August 5, 1897

From the United States.

Alabama.....	James Leslie.....	Minnedosa....	May 17, 1886
Arizona.....	A. B. Gillis.....	Whitewood....	May 10, 1900
Arkansas.....	Roderick McCuaig	P. la Prairie...	January 5, 1899
California.....	F. Leslie Newman	P. la Prairie...	Sept. 15, 1892
Colorado.....	John R. Jones...	Winnipeg.....	May 7, 1900
Connecticut.....	Geo. W. Baker...	Winnipeg.....	March 27, 1899
Delawere.....	Alex. J. Belch....	Winnipeg.....	January 1, 1898
Dis. of Columbia	G. S. McGregor..	Mekiwin.....	June 20, 1900
Florida.....	James D. Baine..	Boissevain....	May 21, 1897
Georgia.....	Thos. L. Morton..	Gladstone.....	April 2, 1887
Idaho.....	John R. Grant...	Winnipeg.....	June 26, 1901
Illinois.....	John Leslie.....	Winnipeg.....	January 1, 1889
Kansas.....	James A. Ovas...	Winnipeg.....	January 1, 1895
Louisiana.....	James J. White..	Winnipeg.....	June 17, 1889
Maine.....	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine....	December 29, 1898
Maryland.....	D. H. McFadden.	Emerson.....	January 5, 1899
Michigan.....	John McKechnie..	Winnipeg.....	January 1, 1900
Minnesota.....	Thos. W. Taylor..	Winnipeg.....	December 26, 1898
Mississippi.....	Jas. E. Maynard.	Boissevain....	July 19, 1900
Missouri.....	R. P. Crookshank.	Rapid City....	June 26, 1901
Montana.....	Herman J. Eberts.	Winnipeg.....	April 23, 1897
Nebraska.....	Richard D. Foley.	Manitou.....	Nov. 13, 1890

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—Continued.

From the United States.

Grand Lodge.	Representative.	Address.	When Appointed.
Nevada.....	Corbet Locke....	Morden.....	December 15, 1893
New Hampshire.	David J. Goggin..	Regina.....	December 13, 1887
New Jersey.....	Wm. J. Ptolemy..	Winnipeg.....	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico...	Geo. F. Newcomb	Napinka.....	November 5, 1879
New York.....	John W. Harris..	Winnipeg.....	January 30, 1879
North Carolina.	William Crawford	Medicine Hat..	May 5, 1891
North Dakota..	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.....	January 5, 1899
Ohio.....	W. C. Copeland..	Winnipeg	January 22, 1886
Oregon.....	Alex. L. Young...	Souris.....	December 29, 1898
Rhode Island...	James Geo. Dagg.	Selkirk.....	December 8, 1894
South Carolina.	Wm. A. Windatt..	Winnipeg.....	March 31, 1891
South Dakota..	Herbt. H. Goulter	Virden.....	December 1, 1897
Tennessee.....	Harry H. Campkin	Indian Head..	May 1, 1899
Texas.....	Henry Jas. Pugh..	Virden.....	April 3, 1899
Utah.....	Geo. B. Murphy..	Moosomin....	May 20, 1897
Vermont.....	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris.....	March 1, 1896
Virginia.....	Robt. Hill Myers.	Minnedosa....	December 30, 1898
Washington.....	Wm. E. Hazley...	Winnipeg.....	January 11, 1900
West Virginia..	William Fenwick.	Alexander.....	December 29, 1898
Wisconsin.....	William Braden..	Winnipeg.....	May 22, 1899

From Other Countries.

Cuba, Island of.	John McOuat....	Stony Mtn.....	April 14, 1891
New So'h Wales.	Danl.H.McMillan	Winnipeg.....	June 24, 1899
New Zealand...	Thomas Tweed...	Medicine Hat.	February 25, 1893
South Australia.	Corbet Locke....	Morden.....	April 2, 1900
Victoria.....	Francis G. Lewin.	Moosomin.....	February 14, 1894
West'n Australia	E. Nelson Brown.	Calgary.....	July 6, 1901

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